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NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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TOWN OFFICIALS

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**BENNINGTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

for the Year Ended December 31, 2008

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Term Expires

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Philip R. Germain, Chair.....	March 2009
James E. Trow	March 2010
Joseph C. Cuddemi.....	March 2011

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Jill S. Young, Chair.....	March 2009
Thomas J. Belcher	March 2010
Bernetta MacKenzie	March 2011

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Victoria Burnham.....	March 2009
Robyn Manley (Alternate).....	March 2009
Laurie MacKeigan	March 2010
Elisabeth A. Shingler, Chair.....	March 2011

MODERATOR

John J. Cronin, III	March 2010
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PLANNING BOARD

Jeffrey Rose, Chair	March 2009
Melissa Stewart.....	March 2009
Joseph Cuddemi, Ex-Officio	March 2009
Peter Eppig	March 2010
Mark Mackesy (Alternate)	March 2010
Barry White	March 2011

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Arthur Knight	March 2009
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SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Druscilla Cox	March 2010
Victoria Turner, Chair	March 2012
Barbara E. Moorehead.....	March 2014

TOWN CLERK

Debra Belcher	March 2010
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TOWN TREASURER

Joyce L. Miner.....	March 2009
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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Valerie Germain	March 2009
Julie Southard	March 2009
Rich Page	March 2011

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Rob Horn.....	March 2009
Mark Chase.....	March 2010
Glenn Wilson.....	March 2011

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

ADMINISTRATOR.....Denise P. French

BUILDING INSPECTOR.....Peter Hopkins

CHIEF OF POLICE.....C. Stephen Campbell

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Director	C. Stephen Campbell
Assistant Director	Kristie J. French

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief	Allan D. Wilson
Assistant Fire Chief	Kristie J. French
Deputy Fire Chief	Chester D. Heinzman

HEALTH OFFICERPeter Hopkins

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICERCharles Stevenson

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERPeter Hopkins

DEPUTY CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERCharles Stevenson

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR.....Brenda Slongwhite

ROAD AGENT.....Gary Russell

TAX COLLECTORKristie J. French

APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Term Expires

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Melissa Clark.....	2009
Christopher Gladding	2009
Harvey Goodwin, Chair	2009
Joan Schnare	2009
Debra Whitney	2009

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE

Joseph Cuddemi	2009
Philip Germain.....	2009
Harvey Goodwin.....	2009

Joseph MacGregor, Chair	2009
Robyn Manley	2009
James Trow	2009

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John J. Cronin, III	March 2009
Valerie Germain	March 2009
Joshua Stewart	March 2009
Dennis McKenney	March 2010
Letitia Rice	March 2010
Joseph MacGregor, Chair	March 2011
Jon Manley	March 2011

HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

C. Stephen Campbell	2009
Denise French	2009
Kristie French	2009
Salvatore Landi	2009
Joseph MacGregor	2009
Richard Reed, Chair	2009
Gary Russell	2009
Barry White	2009

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

C. Stephen Campbell	2009
Joseph Cuddemi	2009
Gary Russell	2009

NEWHALL PARK BOARD

David Parker (Alternate)	March 2009
David Baker	March 2009
Gretchen Hutton	March 2010
Priscilla Roberts	March 2011

RECREATION COMMISSION

Jennifer Boyd	2009
Melissa Clark	2009
Philip Germain, Ex-Officio	2009

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Joseph C. Cuddemi	2009
Donald Parker	2009
Gary Russell	2009

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

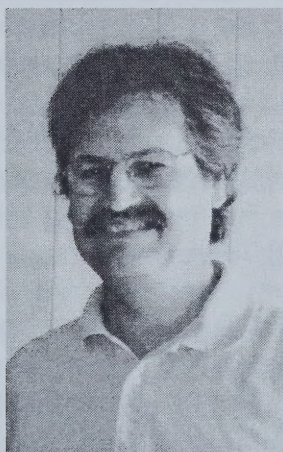
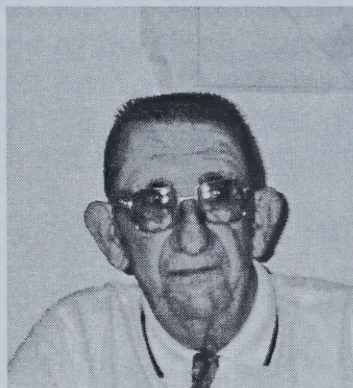
Peter Martel (Alternate)	2009
Barbara Moorehead	2009
Steve Osienski	2009
Judy Heddy, Chair	2010
Joan Schnare	2010
John Tyler	2011

...In Memory of Those Town Servants We Lost in 2008...

We commemorate the following public servants who gave freely of themselves for the good of the community. We salute the honor of these former Town Officials who were each a part of the group of devoted people upon whom small towns are dependant.

Lester J. Foote, Sr.
1924-2008

A fixture at the former "dump", Lester worked for the Town over a thirty year period. He began his career in waste management when disposal consisted of dumping truckloads of trash into an open pit and burying it. At the time of his retirement the Town had transitioned into a Transfer Station under the watchful eye of Lester, who always took pride in its appearance and the patrons who used the facility.



Lucien J. Lizotte
1953-2008

Lucien served on the Budget Committee for the past ten years. He always provided careful consideration of the budget preparation process with grace, wit, and valuable insight. During his personal time Lucien enjoyed all sports. He had coached pee wee hockey and participated in leagues for bowling and golf.

David E. Mancini
1940-1968

A retired Marine Master Sergeant having served three tours during the Vietnam War, Dave was Bennington's Police Chief from 1985 to 1994. While off duty and throughout his retirement Dave enjoyed motorcycling, fishing, reading Civil War books and playing on his computer.

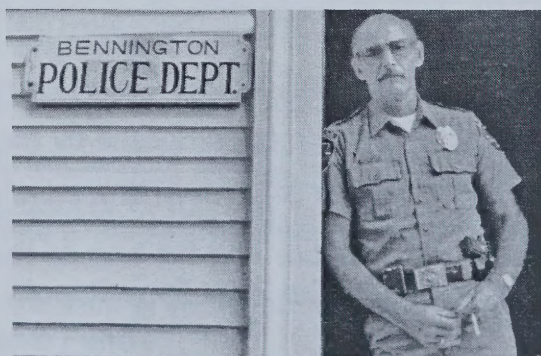


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TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote: You are hereby notified to meet at the Pierce School on Tuesday, the third of February, next at seven o'clock in the evening, and then at St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday, the tenth of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Note: The casting of absentee ballots will begin at 2:00 p.m. The polls will close at 7:00 p.m.)

- 1.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
- 2.** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow funds in anticipation of the receipt of the North Bennington Road/Depot Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project (Bridge No. 184/071) grant from State Bridge Aid, and to use those grant funds to pay the indebtedness incurred, in accordance with RSA 33:7-b?
- 3.** Shall the Town adopt as an amendment to the existing Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance the amendment proposed by the Planning Board to Article VI. D.1. relating to the Permitted Uses in the Village District? The full text of the amendment can be found posted with the Warrant and within the 2008 Town Report.
- 4.** Shall the Town adopt as an amendment to the existing Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance the amendments proposed by the Planning Board to Article VII relating to the General Requirements? The first general requirement amendment proposed is that all buildings, permanent or temporary (including membrane type buildings) must meet all setback requirements. The second general requirement amendment proposed is the addition of Multi Family Housing. The full text of the amendment can be found posted with the Warrant and within the 2008 Town Report
- 5.** Shall the Town adopt as an amendment to the existing Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance the amendment proposed by the Planning Board to Article XV. B. relating to Zoning Board of Adjustment variances? The amendment proposes that an approved variance shall lapse at the end of twelve months unless the conditions of the variance have been acted upon. The full text of the amendment can be found posted with the Warrant and within the 2008 Town Report.

6. Shall the Town adopt as an amendment to the existing Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance the amendment proposed by the Planning Board to Article XVI. B. relating to the Requirement of a Building Permit? The proposed amendment includes changing the minimum square footage requirement for securing a Building Permit, placement of a structure shall include membrane type buildings, and a Permit shall be required when any point of the structure is greater than ten feet in height. Also proposed in Article XVI. B is language clarifying the term of a Building Permit. The full text of the amendment can be found posted with the Warrant and within the 2008 Town Report.

7. Shall the Town adopt as an amendment to the existing Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance the amendment proposed by the Planning Board to Article XVII relating to Definitions? Definitions addressed in the proposed amendment include Building, Multi Family Housing, Affordable Conditional Use Permit, Owner-Occupied Housing, Reasonable and Realistic Opportunities for the Development of Workforce Housing, Rental Housing and Workforce Housing. The full text of the amendment can be found posted with the Warrant and within the 2008 Town Report.

8. Shall the Town adopt as an amendment to the existing Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance the amendment proposed by the Planning Board to Article XXI relating to Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance? The full text of the amendment can be found posted with the Warrant and within the 2008 Town Report.

9. Shall the Town adopt as an amendment to the existing Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance the amendment proposed by the Planning Board to Article XXII relating to Workforce Housing Overlay District? The full text of the amendment can be found posted with the Warrant and within the 2008 Town Report.

10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, **not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately**, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling one million four hundred thirty one thousand two hundred six dollars (\$1,431,206)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be one million four hundred two thousand four hundred twenty three dollars (\$1,402,423), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand three hundred dollars (\$20,300) for the purchase of generators and associated electrical costs?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Emergency Management Director)

12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

- 13.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
- 14.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
- 15.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
- 16.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
- 17.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
- 18.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) for the gross amount of the Transportation Enhancement Project; \$560,000 has been awarded by federal grant; the balance of \$140,000 already exists in the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund. Passage of this appropriation will have \$0 affect on taxation since the \$700,000 funding is already in place.
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
- 19.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
- 20.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
- 21.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Replacement Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
- 22.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)
- 23.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Town Building Expendable Trust Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

24. Shall the Town authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35) for the maintenance, construction, reconstruction or repair of town streets, roads or traveled ways and raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) towards this purpose, and appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

25. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the construction of a salt and sand shed?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

26. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the restoration of stonewalls at Sunnyside Cemetery?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

27. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to purchase a portion of land, identified as Map 7, Lot 18 for the development of a municipal parking area, upon such conditions that the Board of Selectmen may deem in the best interest of the Town?

(Recommended by the Selectmen)

28. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the purpose of funding The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center programs and services? The appropriation would provide \$3,000 funding for The Grapevine Family & Resource Center and \$1,000 funding for The Teen Center.

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

29. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) for the purpose of supporting the Contoocook Housing Trust? The nonprofit organization owns two properties in the Town of Bennington and provides workforce housing.

(Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

30. Shall the Town vote to authorize (50%) of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A: 25 to be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II. If adopted this article shall take effect April 1, 2009, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting.

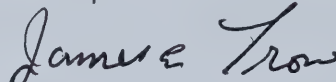
(Recommended by the Selectmen and Conservation Committee)

31. Shall the Town vote to authorize the appointment rather than the election of the Town Treasurer?

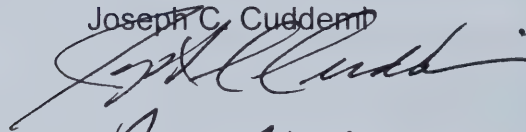
Recommended by the Selectmen)

Given under our hands and seal this 21st of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine.


Philip R. Germain

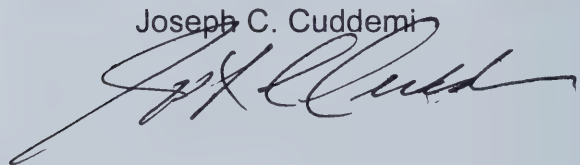

James E. Trow

a true copy of Warrant – Attest

Joseph C. Cuddemi


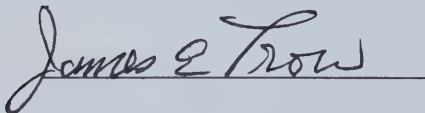

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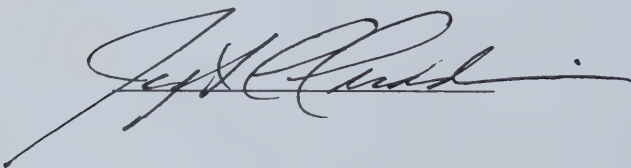
Joseph C. Cuddemi


We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of the above Warrant at the Pierce School and with the Town Clerk on the 26th day of January, 2009.





Selectmen of Bennington



BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on January 26, 2009

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.

Philip R. Yonin
James E. Troz
Lyndee

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

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NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
 (603)271-3397

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		128,073	129,841	129,958
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics		37,754	36,462	30,378
4150-4151	Financial Administration		16,765	17,045	16,436
4152	Revaluation of Property		-	-	-
4153	Legal Expense		11,750	9,122	10,500
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		163,639	160,131	186,761
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		7,200	5,454	8,899
4194	General Government Buildings		17,300	28,832	22,500
4195	Cemeteries		7,675	5,311	6,245
4196	Insurance		19,500	19,206	22,000
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		-	-	-
4199	Other General Government		4,100	4,050	4,100
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		213,311	210,081	210,691
4215-4219	Ambulance		8,000	8,000	8,000
4220-4229	Fire		70,020	67,763	78,789
4240-4249	Building Inspection		4,000	3,750	4,980
4290-4298	Emergency Management		6,915	6,325	3,750
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)		-	-	-
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations		-	-	-
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		122,151	160,165	158,910
4312	Highways & Streets		137,000	81,747	137,710
4313	Bridges		-	-	-
4316	Street Lighting		7,500	8,172	9,000
4319	Other		-	-	-
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		30,354	33,071	30,817
4323	Solid Waste Collection		1,600	1,187	1,600
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		65,100	57,976	64,600
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		-	-	-
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		34,100	32,017	34,600

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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration		29,350	24,704	30,250
4332	Water Services		23,400	37,402	24,900
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other		-	-	-
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation		-	-	-
4353	Purchase Costs		-	-	-
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		-	-	-
4359	Other Electric Costs		-	-	-
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		750	150	747
4414	Pest Control		450	-	441
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5,881	5,881	5,881
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		11,055	9,954	12,705
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		600	390	600
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		4,750	6,128	8,100
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		27,500	27,272	32,600
4550-4559	Library		98,203	93,640	99,329
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,000	769	980
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		2,464	2,464	2,464
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources		675	175	662
4619	Other Conservation		500	580	490
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING		-	-	-
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		-	-	-
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Notes		21,750	21,750	21,750
4721	Notes		4,247	4,219	3,083
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		3,000	4,628	5,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		-	-	-

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)
CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land		-	-	-
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		-	-	-
4903	Buildings		-	-	-
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		-	-	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		-	-	-
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		-	-	-
4914	To Enterprise Fund		-	-	-
	Sewer-		-	-	-
	Water-		-	-	-
	Electric-		-	-	-
	Airport-		-	-	-
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund*		-	-	-
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917*		-	-	-
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds*		-	-	-
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		-	-	-
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		-	-	-
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL			1,349,382	1,325,814	1,431,206

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)
4915	Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund	11	20,000	20,000	20,000
4915	Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund	12	25,000	25,000	25,000
4915	Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	13	5,000	5,000	5,000
4915	Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	14	5,000	5,000	5,000
4915	Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund	15	20,000	20,000	20,000
4915	Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund	16	12,500	12,500	12,500
4915	Water Department Capital Reserve Fund	18	8,000	8,000	8,000
4915	Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund	19	2,000	2,000	2,000
4915	Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund		0	0	0
4915	Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund	22	0	0	15,000
4915	Sidewalk Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	20	40,000	40,000	10,000
4915	Library Capital Reserve Fund	21	5,000	5,000	5,000
4915	Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund	23	0	0	0
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	127,500

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)
4958	The Grapevine Resource Center	13	4,000	4,000	0
4958	Contoocook Housing Trust	14	300	300	0
4959	The Grapevine Resource Center	27	0	0	4,000
4959	Contoocook Housing Trust	28	0	0	300
4959	Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund	23	0	0	20,000
4959	Salt & Sand Shed	24	0	0	20,000
4959	Cemetery Wall Restoration	25	0	0	10,000
4959	Main Street Parking Lot	26	0	0	75,000
4959	Emergency Generators	10	0	0	20,300
4959	TEP Gross Appropriation	17	0	0	700,000
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	849,600

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		20,000	4,500	9,000
3180	Resident Taxes		-	-	-
3185	Timber Taxes		7,500	8,023	8,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		500	500	500
3189	Other Taxes		-	-	-
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		25,000	28,809	28,000
	Inventory Penalties		5,000	5,549	5,500
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		3,800	1,704	1,700
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		350	270	300
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		220,000	206,658	206,000
3230	Building Permits		1,000	2,875	2,800
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		6,000	5,739	5,700
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (TEP Grant)		-	-	560,000
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		50,000	51,171	51,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		63,000	67,424	67,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		37,000	37,787	38,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		-	-	-
3355	Housing & Community Development		-	-	-
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		-	-	-
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		-	-	-
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		-	-	-
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		-	-	-
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		2,000	2,089	2,000
3409	Other Charges		-	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		200	27,066	500
3502	Interest on Investments		8,000	2,716	2,700
3503-3509	Other		15,000	20,366	15,000

inc. Long Term Bonds w/

inc. Long Term Bonds & Note

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		-	-	-
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		-	-	-
3914	From Enterprise Funds		-	-	-
	Sewer - (Offset)		25,000	24,379	25,000
	Water - (Offset)		45,000	48,755	48,000
	Electric - (Offset)		-	-	-
	Airport - (Offset)		-	-	-
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		-	-	140,000
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		-	-	-
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds		-	-	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		-	-	-
	Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")		-	-	-
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		-	-	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			534,350	546,380	1,216,700

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	1,349,382	1,431,206
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	142,500	127,500
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	4,300	849,600
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,496,182	2,408,306
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	534,350	1,216,700
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	961,832	1,191,606

DEFAULT BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON

For the Ensuing Year January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

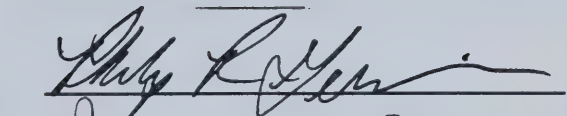
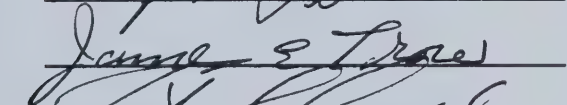

RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

1. Use this form to list the default budget calculation in the appropriate columns.
2. Post this form or any amended version with proposed operating budget (MS-6 or MS-7) and the warrant.
3. Per RSA 40:13, XI, (a), the default budget shall be disclosed at the first budget hearing.

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

or

Budget Committee if RSA 40:14-b is adopted

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

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Default Budget - Town of Bennington FY2009

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
130-4139	Executive	128,073	(1,677)	(3,000)	123,396
140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics	37,754	(4,136)	-	33,618
150-4151	Financial Administration	16,765	-	-	16,765
4152	Revaluation of Property	-	-	-	-
4153	Legal Expense	11,750	-	-	11,750
155-4159	Personnel Administration	163,639	29,072	-	192,711
191-4193	Planning & Zoning	7,200	1,000	-	8,200
4194	General Government Buildings	17,300	5,200	-	22,500
4195	Cemeteries	7,675	980	(1,525)	7,130
4196	Insurance	19,500	-	-	19,500
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	-	-	-	-
4199	Other General Government	4,100	-	-	4,100
PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
210-4214	Police	213,311	952	(2,000)	212,263
215-4219	Ambulance	8,000	-	-	8,000
220-4229	Fire	70,020	9,308	-	79,328
240-4249	Building Inspection	4,000	-	-	4,000
290-4298	Emergency Management	6,915	-	-	6,915
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)	-	-	-	-
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
301-4309	Airport Operations	-	-	-	-
HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration	122,151	19,730	-	141,881
4312	Highways & Streets	137,000	-	-	137,000
4313	Bridges	-	-	-	-
4316	Street Lighting	7,500	-	-	7,500
4319	Other	-	-	-	-
SANITATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration	30,354	(544)	-	29,810
4323	Solid Waste Collection	1,600	-	-	1,600
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	65,100	2,000	-	67,100
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	-	-	-	-
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	34,100	-	-	34,100

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Default Budget - Town of Bennington FY2009

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration	29,350	-	-	29,350
4332	Water Services	20,900	-	-	20,900
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other	2,500	-	-	2,500
ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation	-	-	-	-
4353	Purchase Costs	-	-	-	-
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	-	-	-	-
4359	Other Electric Costs	-	-	-	-
HEALTH		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration	750	-	-	750
4414	Pest Control	450	-	-	450
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	5,881	-	-	5,881
WELFARE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	11,055	-	-	11,055
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts	600	-	-	600
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	4,750	-	-	4,750
CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	27,500	-	-	27,500
4550-4559	Library	98,203	(1,155)	-	97,048
4583	Patriotic Purposes	1,000	-	-	1,000
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	2,464	-	-	2,464
CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources	675	-	-	675
4619	Other Conservation	500	-	-	500
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING	-	-	-	-
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	-	-	-	-
DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	21,750	-	-	21,750
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	4,247	(1,164)	-	3,083
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000	-	-	3,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	-	-	-	-

Default Budget - Town of Bennington

FY2009

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land	-	-	-	-
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	-	-	-	-
4903	Buildings	-	-	-	-
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	-	-	-	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund	-	-	-	-
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	-	-	-	-
4914	To Enterprise Fund	-	-	-	-
	Sewer-	-	-	-	-
	Water-	-	-	-	-
	Electric-	-	-	-	-
	Airport-	-	-	-	-
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	-	-	-	-
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917	-	-	-	-
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds	-	-	-	-
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds	-	-	-	-
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		1,349,382	59,566	(6,525)	1,402,423

Please use the box below to explain increases or reductions in columns 4 & 5.

Acct #	Explanation for Increases	Acct #	Explanation for Reductions
4155	New Hire November 1 & 100% Insurance	4130	53 Weeks for Payroll
4191	Meeting Schedule Expanded (Secretarial Needs)	4140	53 Weeks for Payroll & 3 Less Elections
4194	August Acquisition of Real Estate	4321	53 Weeks for Payroll
4195	Maintenance Contract	4550	53 Weeks for Payroll
4210	Employment Contract	4721	Loan Maturation
4220	Payroll Policy		
4311	New Hire on November 1		
4324	Hauling & Disposal Contract Renewed		

FORM
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NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
FORM MS-1 FOR 2008**

Municipal Services Division

PO Box 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487 Phone (603) 271-2687

E-mail: nduffy@rev.state.nh.us

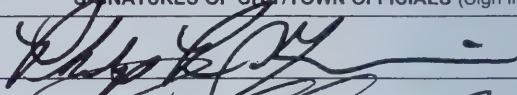

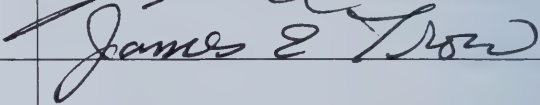
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CITY/TOWN OF BENNINGTON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information provided in this report was taken from the official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

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PRINT NAMES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS	SIGNATURES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS (Sign in ink)
PHILIP R. GERMAIN	
JOSEPH C. CUDDERI	
JAMES E. TROW	

Date signed _____ Check One: Governing ☒ Body ☐ Assessors ☐
City/Town Telephone # 588-2189 Due date: September 1, 2008

Complete the above required certification by inserting the name of the city/town officials, the date on which the certificate is signed, and have the majority of the members of the board of selectmen/assessing officials sign in ink.

REPORTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon forms prescribed for that purpose.

NOTE: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/town tax assessments and sworn to uphold under oath per RSA 75:7. Please complete all applicable pages and refer to the instructions (pages 10 thru 15) provided for individual items.

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DRA NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1st.

Village Districts - pages 8-9 must be completed for EACH village district within the municipality.

RETURN THIS SIGNED AND COMPLETED INVENTORY FORM TO: NH Department Of Revenue Administration, Municipal Services Division, PO Box 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487.

Contact Person: DENISE FRENCH E-Mail Address: townofbenn@tds.net
(Print/type)

Regular office hours: MON-THURS 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

FOR DRA USE ONLY

See instructions beginning on page 10, as needed.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
FORM MS-1 FOR 2008

LAND BUILDINGS	Lines 1A, B, C, D, E & F List all improved and unimproved land (include wells, septic & paving) Lines 2A, B, C and D List all buildings.	NUMBER OF ACRES	2008 ASSESSED VALUATION By CITY/TOWN
1	VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B and 4 A Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See page 10)	4645.131	\$ 430,296
	B Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B	0	0
	C Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C	0	0
	D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	0	0
	E Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)	1886.389	\$ 29,004,300
	F Commercial/Industrial Land (DO NOT include Utility Land)	159.170	\$ 2,637,200
	G Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F)	6690.690	\$ 32,071,796
	H Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land (\$ 1,808,300)	267.430	
2	VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B A Residential		\$ 71,338,600
	B Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$ 1,756,300
	C Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT Include Utility Buildings)		\$ 9,956,000
	D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D Number of Structures	0	0
	E. Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D)		\$ 83,050,900
	F Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings (\$ 6,052,200)		
3	UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1V for complete definition) A Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/dynamos/apparatus/poles/wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines etc.)		\$ 1,043,200
	B Other Utilities (Total of Section B From Utility Summary)		\$ 1,873,900
4	MATURE WOOD AND TIMBER RSA 79:5		
5	VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1G, 2E, 3A, 3B and 4) This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.		\$ 118,039,796
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a (Paraplegic and Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with VA Assistance) Total # granted	0	0
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b Total # granted	0	0
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a Total # granted	0	0
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 for each) (See page 10) Total # granted	0	0
10	Water/Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a Total # granted	0	0
11	MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value of your municipality.		\$ 118,039,796
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37 Total # granted Amount granted per exemption	1 15,000	\$ 15,000
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39 a & b Total # granted	22	\$ 1,122,500
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b Total # granted Amount granted per exemption	0 0	0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b Total # granted Amount granted per exemption	0 0	0

16	Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	Total # granted	0	0
17	Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	Total # granted	0	0
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	Total # granted	0	0
19	Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Amounts in excess of \$150,000 exemption)	Total # granted	0	0
20	TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 12-19)			\$ 1,137,500
21	NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)			\$ 116,902,296
22	LESS Utilities (Line 3A) Do NOT include the value of OTHER utilities listed in Line 3B			\$ 1,043,200
23	NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 21 minus Line 22)			\$ 115,859,096

Additional notes (example: update, reveal changes to exemptions, mapping, increases to value, decreases to value. etc.)

UTILITY SUMMARY: ELECTRIC, HYDROELECTRIC, RENEWABLE-MISC., NUCLEAR, GAS/PIPELINES WATER & SEWER RSA 83-FList by individual company/legal entity the valuation of operating plants employed in the production, distribution and transmission of electricity, gas pipeline, water and petroleum products. Include **ONLY** the names of the companies listed on the Instruction Sheets. (See Instruction page 11)

DOES YOUR MUNICIPALITY USE THE DRA UTILITY VALUES?

YES ☐NO ☒

IF YES, DO YOU EQUALIZE IT BY THE RATIO? (please check appropriate box if applicable)

YES ☐NO ☐**SECTION A: LIST ELECTRIC COMPANIES**

(Attach additional sheet if needed.) (See Instruction page 11)

2008
VALUATION

PUBLIC SERVICE OF N.H.	\$ 1,043,200
A1. TOTAL OF ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES LISTED (See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)	\$ 1,043,200

GAS, OIL & PIPELINE COMPANIES

A2. TOTAL OF ALL GAS COMPANIES LISTED (See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)	0

WATER & SEWER COMPANIES

A3. TOTAL OF ALL WATER & SEWER COMPANIES LISTED (See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)	0

GRAND TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL A UTILITY COMPANIES (Sum of Lines A1, A2, and A3)

This grand total of all sections must agree with the total listed on page 2, line 3A.

\$ 1,043,200**SECTION B: LIST OTHER UTILITY COMPANIES** (Exclude telephone companies).

(Attach additional sheet if needed.)

2008
VALUATION

MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC	\$ 1,873,900
TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION B. Total must agree with total listed on Page 2, Line 3B.	\$ 1,873,900

TAX CREDITS	LIMITS	*NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS
RSA 72:28 Veterans' Tax Credit / Optional Veterans' Tax Credit \$50 Standard Credit \$51 up to \$500 upon adoption by city or town	\$ 500	64	\$ 32,000
RSA 72:29-a Surviving Spouse "The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States..." \$700 Standard Credit \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town	\$ 700	0	0
RSA 72:35 Tax Credit for Service-Contracted Total Disability "Any person who has been honorably discharged from the military service of the United States and who has total and permanent service-connected disability, or who is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service-connected injury..." \$700 Standard Credit \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town	\$ 2,000	1	\$ 2,000
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		65	\$ 34,000

*If both husband & wife/civil union partner qualify for the credit they count as 2.

*If someone is living at a residence such as brother & sister, and one qualifies, count as 1, not one-half.

DISABLED EXEMPTION REPORT			
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	\$ 0	ASSET LIMITS:
	MARRIED / CIVIL UNION PARTNER	\$ 0	
			SINGLE
			MARRIED / CIVIL UNION PARTNER
			\$ 0
			\$ 0

DEAF EXEMPTION REPORT			
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	\$ 0	ASSET LIMITS:
	MARRIED / CIVIL UNION PARTNER	\$ 0	
			SINGLE
			MARRIED / CIVIL UNION PARTNER
			\$ 0
			\$ 0

ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:39-a						
NUMBER OF FIRST TIME FILERS GRANTED ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR CURRENT YEAR		PER AGE CATEGORY	TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED AN ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR & TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMPTION GRANTED			
AGE	#	AMOUNT PER INDIVIDUAL	AGE	#	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EXEMPTION AMOUNT	TOTAL ACTUAL EXEMPTION AMOUNT
65 - 74	0	\$ 25,000	65 - 74	6	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
75 - 79	0	\$ 50,000	75 - 79	9	\$ 450,000	\$ 447,500
80 +	0	\$ 75,000	80 +	7	\$ 525,000	\$ 525,000
			TOTAL	22		\$ 1,122,500
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	\$ 23,500	ASSET LIMIT:	SINGLE	\$ 75,000	
	MARRIED / CIVIL UNION PARTNER	\$ 35,500		MARRIED / CIVIL UNION PARTNER	\$ 75,000	

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
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CURRENT USE REPORT - RSA 79-A

	TOTAL No. ACRES RECEIVING CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	162.200	\$ 45,554	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	1,662.502
FOREST LAND	1,267.619	\$ 158,942	REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING CURRENT YEAR	
FOREST LAND W/DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	2,919.162	\$ 221,741		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	43.300	\$ 555	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CURRENT USE	76
WETLAND	252.850	\$ 3,504	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE	141
TOTAL (must match page 2)	4,645.131	\$ 430,296		

LAND USE CHANGE TAX

LAND USE CHANGE TAX			
GROSS MONIES RECEIVED FOR CALENDAR YEAR (January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007)			\$ 0
CONSERVATION ALLOCATION:	PERCENTAGE	AND/OR	DOLLAR AMOUNT
MONIES TO CONSERVATION FUND			
MONIES TO GENERAL FUND			\$ 0

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT - RSA 79-B

	TOTAL No. ACRES RECEIVING CONS. RES. ASSESSMENT	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	0	0	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	0
FOREST LAND	0	0	REMOVED FROM CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT DURING CURRENT YEAR	
FOREST LAND W/DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	0	0		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	0	0	TOTAL No. OF OWNERS IN CONSERVATION RES.	0
WETLAND	0	0	TOTAL No. OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION RES.	0
TOTAL (must match page 2)	0	0		

DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS - RSA 79-C

DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS GRANTED DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETION EASEMENTS GRANTED (Map/Lot-Percentage Granted i.e.: Golf Course, Ball Park, etc.)
0	0	1
ASSESSED VALUATION		2
0		3
		4

DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS - RSA 79-D
Historical Agricultural Structures

TOTAL NUMBER OF STRUCTURES IN DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS GRANTED: (i.e.: Barns, Silos, etc.) MAP & LOT - PERCENTAGE GRANTED	
0	1	10
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES	2	11
0	3	12
	4	13
ASSESSED VALUATION	5	14
\$ 0 L/O	6	15
\$ 0 B/O	7	16
TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS	8	17
0	9	18

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICTS RSA 162-K	TIF#1	TIF#2	TIF#3	TIF#4
Date of adoption/modification	mm/dd/yy	mm/dd/yy	mm/dd/yy	mm/dd/yy
Original assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$
+ Unretained captured assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$
= Amounts used on page 2 (tax rates)	\$	\$	\$	\$
+ Retained captured assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$
Current assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$

*LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES Amounts listed below should not be included in assessed valuation column on page 2.	MUNICIPALITY	LIST SOURCE(S) OF PAYMENT In Lieu of Taxes	
		Number of Acres	
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreation, and/or Flood Control Land from MS-4, acct. 3356 & 3357	\$ 0	0.00	
White Mountain National Forest, Only acct. 3186		0.00	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$ 500	Town of Antrim	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$ 0		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$ 0		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$ 0		
TOTALS of account 3186 (Exclude WMNF)	\$ 500		

* RSA 362-A:6, was reinstated, effective 4/1/2006. This statute allows municipalities to enter into payment in lieu of tax agreements with small scale power facilities. However, these new PILOT agreements are also taxable under RSA 83-F.

Questions regarding these laws please consult with the DRA Utility Tax Appraiser at (603) 271-2687.

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2008 TOWN MEETING
DELIBERATIVE SESSION-SESSION 1**

AND

MARCH 11, 2008 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS-SESSION 2

Session 1 of the 2007 Bennington Town Meeting convened on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at the Pierce School multi-purpose room in Bennington, New Hampshire. John J. Cronin III, the Town Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator, as mandated under Senate Bill 2, which the Town of Bennington adopted on March 12, 1996, explained the procedures and rules of conduct for the deliberative session noting that the warrant articles will be read out of order. Articles 13, 14 and 19 will be read following article 2. Each warrant article will be read and discussed and any amendments proposed from the floor must be submitted in writing to the Moderator.

All voting on the Warrant Articles, Town and School District Officials, and the Conval School District Warrant Articles will be voted on at the polls on March 11, 2008 at the Meeting Hall at Saint Patrick's Church in Bennington, New Hampshire. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote: You are hereby notified to meet at the Pierce School on Tuesday, the fifth of February, next at seven o'clock in the evening, and then at Saint Patrick's Church on Tuesday, the eleventh of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Note: the casting of absentee ballots will begin at 5:00 p.m. The polls will close at 7:00 p.m.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officials for the year ensuing. The March 11th election results are as follows:

Moderator (2 years)	John J Cronin, III
Selectman (3 years)	Joseph Cuddemi
Treasurer (1 year)	Joyce L. Miner
Library Trustee (3 years)	Elisabeth A. Shingler
Cemetery Trustee (3 years)	Bernetta Mackenzie (write-in)
Planning Board (3 years)	Barry White
Planning Board (1 year)	Jeffrey Rose
Trustee of the Trust Fund (3 years)	Richard Page
Water & Sewer Commissioner (3 years)	Glenn Wilson
Supervisor of the Checklist (6 years)	Barbara Moorehead

When the polls opened at 8:00 a.m., the voter Checklist contained 994 registered voters. During Election Day, 12 new voters were added to the checklist. When the polls closed at 7:00 p.m., the Voters Checklist totaled 1006 voters. A total of 301 cast their ballots in this election, which was a 30% voter turnout.

The Deliberative Town Meeting, session 1 was attended by 20 registered voters.

The Moderator initiated the following articles:

2. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, **not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately**, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purpose set forth therein, totaling (one million three hundred forty nine thousand three hundred eighty two dollars) \$1,349,382? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be (one million two hundred ninety one thousand one hundred fifty dollars) \$1,291,150, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES-194 NO- 96
THE ARTICLE PASSED

13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the purpose of funding The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center programs and services? The appropriation would provide \$3,000 funding for The Grapevine Family & Resource Center and \$1,000 funding for The Teen Center.

Note: Selectman Cuddemi noted that \$3,000 is an annual contribution to the Grapevine with an additional \$1,000 to be given for the Teen center.

Grapevine Director, Kristen Vance spoke to the article noting that the Town has supported the Grapevine program for the past two years. The Teen Center, which opened in October, is currently serving approximately 94 teens in the area. It was noted that almost 25% of the teens are from Bennington. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES-209 NO-87
THE ARTICLE PASSED

14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) for the purpose of supporting the Contoocook Housing Trust? The nonprofit organization owns two properties in the Town of Bennington and provides workforce housing.

NUMBER OF ACRES

Note: Contoocook Housing Trust Board Member, Ron Mack spoke to the article noting that the Trust owns a total of 13 properties in Antrim, Hancock, Bennington and Peterborough. The housing is self supported, providing affordable housing for the workforce. Funding in the amount of \$300 would help the Trust to obtain grant moneys by showing Town support.

Secretary/ Treasurer of the Contoocook Housing Trust, Bob Edwards noted that the Trust was founded in the 90s. It was noted that the \$300 would go toward overall improvement of the properties. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES-209 NO-83
THE ARTICLE PASSED

19. Shall the Town vote to accept the gift of real estate, identified as Map 9, Lot 12, from Brown & Knight VFW Post 8268? The deed would convey 100% ownership of land and buildings located at 9 Hancock Road to the Town of Bennington.

Note: Selectman Trow spoke to the article stating the VFW Members had approached the Selectmen about the VFW Post and needed help from the Town.

Post Member, Peter Martel noted that the VFW Post could no longer survive financially and that the proposed gift to the Town could ensure the continued life of the Post.

Victoria Turner questioned if the building would be used jointly by the VFW Post and the Town.

Selectman Germain noted that the VFW building would be primarily used by the VFW but when not in use, the Town could use it for Town functions. The Town would be responsible for the maintenance of the building at an estimated cost of approximately \$3000 annually.

Selectman Cuddemi noted that if the Town did not accept ownership of the building, it was possible that the building could be sold to the highest bidder and the town would lose an important piece of Town history. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES- 254 NO-39
THE ARTICLE PASSED

3. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Trow noted that this is a housekeeping article that ensures funding at such time as the need arises to replace a fire truck. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES-208 NO-86
THE ARTICLE PASSED

4. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi noted that this is a normal reserve fund article to ease the pain of paying for new equipment. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES- 189 NO-102
THE ARTICLE PASSED

5. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Germain noted that the estimated year of purchase is 2012 for the Highway Department. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES- 201 NO-93

THE ARTICLE PASSED

6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Trow addressed the article noting that the funding will go along with moneys obtained by grants for on-going bridge projects. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES-226 NO-68
THE ARTICLE PASSED

7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi noted that the rescue vehicle was scheduled to be replaced in 2009.

Assistant Fire Chief, Kristie French requested that the article wording be changed from Rescue Van, to Rescue Vehicle as it is old wording. It was noted that Town Council could determine if a change should be made as long as the intent of the article was not altered. It was noted that at the time of replacement, the old rescue vehicle would become the updated brush truck. As there was no further discussion, the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES-198 NO-96
THE ARTICLE PASSED

8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12500) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Germain noted that the replacement date of the cruiser is 2009. The Police Department alternates the replacement dates of two cruisers. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES-170 NO-126
THE ARTICLE PASSED

9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES-201 NO-94
THE ARTICLE PASSED

10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be added to the Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi noted that the Water and Sewer Department articles have been split to reflect the needed funding for each area. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES-188 NO-109
THE ARTICLE PASSED

11. Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Replacement Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Germain addressed the article noting that there is an increase this year in the Sidewalk Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. It is in the design process and going to the State level for approval. There will be a Public Hearing on it in February. The Grant from the State requires matching funding from the Town. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES-180 NO-115
THE ARTICLE PASSED

12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Library Trustee, Lisa Shingler noted that the library has many unexpected upkeep expenses for the building and equipment. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES-192 NO-101
THE ARTICLE PASSED

15. Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:29a, for the Surviving Spouse Tax Credit? The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any of the armed forces of any of the governments associated with the United States in the wars, conflicts or armed conflicts, or combat zones set forth in RSA 72:28, shall receive a tax credit in the amount of \$700.00.

Note: Lisa Shingler inquired if the tax credit would be given for past wars or just the current conflict. It was noted that the RSA contains a list of the qualifying wars. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES-260 NO-33

16. Shall the Town vote to authorize the appointment rather than the election of the Town Treasurer?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article noting that the only person running for the position of Treasurer has held that position for the past 35 years. The Town is required to have the Treasurer bonded. The current Treasurer will possibly be retiring in the next few years and it is wise to think ahead for a replacement. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES-135 NO-158
THE ARTICLE FAILED

17. Shall the Town vote to alter the manner in which positions on the Planning Board are filled, from elected to appointed, as provided for in RSA 673:2, II(c)?

Note: Selectman Germain addressed the article noting that the Planning Board involves a lot of time and not all people are well suited for this position. If the Planning Board Members were to be appointed, the Selectmen could ensure that the members would be qualified for the job. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES-122 NO-166
THE ARTICLE FAILED

18. Shall the Town vote to adopt RSA 31:19 which authorizes the Board of Selectmen to accept and hold in Trust, gifts, legacies, and devises for any public purpose that is allowed without further action by the Town. This authority to accept Trusts shall be granted indefinitely or until there is a vote to rescind this authority.

Note: Selectman Germain noted that this article would give the Town the ability to accept Trusts throughout the year instead of having the need to bring each opportunity before the Town. It was questioned if the Selectmen would have the authority to dispose gifts. It was noted that the Trustees of the Trust Funds oversee such gifts and each instance is different. The Town would only accept gifts that help the Town. Chairman of the Conservation Commission, Joseph MacGregor noted that last year the Town was not able to accept a gift related to the Bruce Edes Foundation due to the timeframe. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES-209 NO-80

19. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Senator and our Governor:

Resolved: We the citizens of Bennington, New Hampshire believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

Note: Chairman Germain noted that this is a petition article. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as written.

3/11/08 RESULTS: YES-228 NO-64
THE ARTICLE PASSED

Joseph MacGregor reminded all that the Conval District SAU Meeting SB2 Part 1 was scheduled for February 6, 2008. He encouraged all to attend.

There being no other business at hand, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Debra Belcher
Town Clerk

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED

(RSA 21-J:34)

Date of Meeting: March 11, 2008

Town of Bennington

County of Hillsborough

7 School Street, #101

Bennington, New Hampshire 03442

Phone #: 588-2189

Fax #: 588-8005

E-Mail: office@townofbennington.com

Certificate of Appropriations

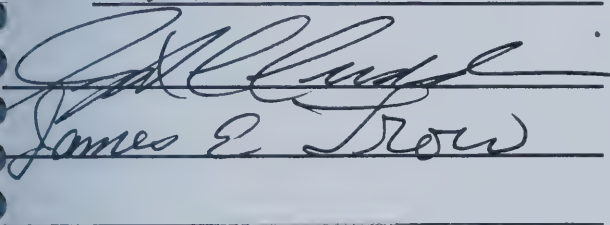
(To be Completed After Annual or Special Meeting)

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town/city meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Governing Body (Selectmen)

Please sign in ink.

Date: May 21, 2008


James E. Brown

ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

PENALTY: Failure to file within 20 days after each meeting at which appropriations were voted may result in a \$5.00 per day penalty (RSA 21-J:36).

1	2	3	4	5
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		128,073	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		37,754	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		16,765	
4152	Revaluation of Property		0	
4153	Legal Expense		11,750	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		163,639	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		7,200	
4194	General Government Buildings		17,300	
4195	Cemeteries		7,675	
4196	Insurance		19,500	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		0	
4199	Other General Government		4,100	
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		213,311	
4215-4219	Ambulance		8,000	
4220-4229	Fire		70,020	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		4,000	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		6,915	
4299	Other (Including Communications)		0	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations		0	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		122,151	
4312	Highways & Streets		137,000	
4313	Bridges		0	
4316	Street Lighting		7,500	
4319	Other		0	
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		30,354	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		1,600	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		65,100	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		0	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		34,100	
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration		29,350	
4332	Water Services		20,900	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		2,500	
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4359	Electrical Operations		0	

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS		WARR.	Appropriations As	For Use By
Acct.#	(RSA 32:3,V)	ART.#	Voted	Department of Revenue Administration
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		750	
4414	Pest Control		450	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5,881	
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		11,055	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		600	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		4,750	
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		27,500	
4550-4559	Library		98,203	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		2,464	
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources		675	
4619	Other Conservation		500	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING		0	
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		0	
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		21,750	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		4,247	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note		3,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		0	
CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land		0	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		0	
4903	Buildings		0	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs		0	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		0	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		0	
4914	To Proprietary Fund		0	
	Sewer-		0	
	Water-		0	
	Electric-		0	
	Airport-		0	
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		142,500	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917		0	
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds		0	
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		0	
4919	To Agency Funds	13 & 14	4,300	
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS			1,496,182	

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

Certified Public Accountants

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Manchester, New Hampshire 03101
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Board of Selectmen
Town of Bennington, New Hampshire

We have compiled the financial statements of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2008 included in the accompanying Form F-65 (MS-5), in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Our compilation was limited to presenting in the form prescribed by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, information that is the representation of Town Officials. We have not audited or reviewed the financial statements referred to above and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

The financial report, Form F-65 (MS-5), is presented in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such differences.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

February 5, 2009

FOR DRA USE ONLY

FORM F-65(MS-5)

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION



**ANNUAL CITY/TOWN
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Town of Bennington
Chairman Board of Selectmen
7 School Street Unit# 101
Bennington, NH 03442

(Please correct any error in name, address, and ZIP Code)

PLEASE
RETURN
COMPLETED
FORM TO

State of New Hampshire
Department of Revenue Administration
Municipal Services Division
P.O. Box 487
Concord, NH 03302-0487
Telephone: (603) 271-3397

Part I GENERAL FUND -

Revenues and expenditures for the period - Specify
January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

OR

July 1, 200_ to June 30, 200_

A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual		Account No.	Amount
1. Revenue from taxes (Including state education)		(a)	(b)
a. Property taxes (commitment less overlay Plus Section C, line 6, column (c), page 12)		3110	T01 \$ 2,736,833
b. State and local taxes assessed for school districts	\$ 1,638,400	4933	
c. Land use change taxes - General Fund		3120	T01 4,500
d. Land use change taxes - Conservation Fund		3121	T01
e. Resident taxes		3180	
f. Timber taxes		3185	T01 8,023
g. Payments in lieu of taxes		3186	U99 500
h. (Explain on separate schedule)		3189	T01
i. Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes		3190	T01 34,816
j. Excavation Tax (@\$.02 per cu. yd.)		3187	T99 1,704
k. TOTAL (Excluding line 1b) ----- >			\$ 2,786,376
2. TOTAL revenues for education purposes (This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)			\$
3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees			
a. Business licenses and permits		3210	T01 270
b. Motor vehicle permit fees		3220	T01 206,658
c. Building permits		3230	T29 2,875

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)		Account No.	Amount
		(a)	(b)
3. Revenue from licenses, permits and fees (Cont'd)			T29
d. Other licenses, permits, and fees	3290		5,729
e. TOTAL ----- >		\$	215,532
4. Revenue from the federal government			B50
a. Housing and urban renewal (HUD)	3311	\$	
b. Environmental protection	3312		B89
c. Other federal grants and reimbursements - Specify			B89
(FEMA; Homeland Security; COPPS)	3319		
d. TOTAL ----- >		\$	-
5. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire			C30
a. Shared revenue block grant	3351	\$	51,251
b. Meals and rooms distribution	3352		C30
			67,344
c. Highway block grant	3353		C46
			37,787
d. Water pollution grants	3354		C89
e. Housing and community development	3355		C50
f. State and federal forest land reimbursement	3356		C89
g. Flood control reimbursement	3357		C89
h. Other state grants and reimbursements - Specify			C89
Please see page 8	3359		88,161
i. TOTAL ----- >		\$	244,543
6. Revenue from other governments			D89
Intergovernmental revenue - Other	3379	\$	
7. Revenue from charges for services			A89
<i>(Exclude interfund transfers)</i>			
a. Income from departments	3401	\$	1,627
b. Water supply system charges	3402		A91
			50,067
c. Sewer user charges	3403		A80
			25,296
d. Garbage-refuse charges	3404		A81
			15,505
e. Electric user charges	3405		A92
f. Airport fees	3406		A01
g. Parking			A60
h. Transit or bus system			A94
i. Parks and Recreation			A61
j. Cemeteries			A03
k. Toll Highways			A45
l. Other charges	3409		A89
			1,462
m. TOTAL ----- >		\$	93,957

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)		Account No.		Amount	
8. Revenue from miscellaneous sources		(a)		(b)	
a. Special assessments	3500	U01	\$		
b. Sale of municipal property	3501	U11		425	
c. Interest on investments	3502	U20		2,716	
d. Rents of property	3503	U40		175	
e. Fines and forfeits	3504	U30		2,373	
f. Insurance dividends and reimbursements	3506	U99			
g. Contributions and donations	3508	U50			
h. Other miscellaneous sources not otherwise classified	3509	U99		773	
i. TOTAL ----- >			\$	6,462	
9. Interfund operating transfers in					
a. Transfers from special revenue fund	3912	\$			
b. Transfers from capital projects fund	3913				
c. Transfers from proprietary funds	3914				
d. Transfers from capital reserve fund	3915			26,343	
e. Transfers from trust and agency funds	3916			1,398	
f. Transfers from conservation funds	3917				
g. TOTAL ----- >			\$	27,741	
10. Other financial sources					
a. Proceeds from long-term notes and general obligation bonds	3934	\$			
b. Proceeds from all other bonds	3935				
c. Other long-term financial sources	3939				
d. TOTAL ----- >			\$	-	
11. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES ----- >			\$	3,374,611	
12. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (Beginning of year)					
(Should equal line B.2f, column b, page 9) ----- >			\$	118,643	
13. TOTAL OF LINES 11 AND 12					
(Should equal line 21, page 8) ----- >			\$	3,493,254	

Remarks

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual		Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (includes col.c&d)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
1. General government					
a. Executive	4130	E29	128,956	G29	F29
b. Election and registration	4140	E89	36,313	G89	F89
c. Financial administration	4150	E23	22,232	G23	F23
d. Revaluation of property	4152	E23		G23	F23
e. Legal expense	4153	E25	9,122	G25	F25
f. Personnel administration	4155	E29	160,131	G29	F29
g. Planning and zoning	4191	E29	5,454	G29	F29
h. General government building	4194	E31	28,811	G31	F31
i. Cemeteries	4195	E03	5,324	G03	F03
j. Insurance not otherwise allocated	4196	E03	19,206	G03	F03
k. Advertising and regional association	4197	E89		G89	F89
l. Other general government	4199	E89	29,438	G89	F89
m. TOTAL ----- >			\$ 444,987	\$ -	\$ -
2. Public safety					
a. Police	4210	E62	217,452	G62	F62
b. Ambulance	4215	E32	8,000	G32	F32
c. Fire	4220	E24	61,600	G24	F24
d. Building inspection	4240	E66	3,885	G66	F66
e. Emergency management ^{other taxes (E89)}	4290	E89		G89	F89
f. Other public safety (including communications)	4299	E89	12,525	G89	F89
g. TOTAL ----- >			\$ 303,462	\$ -	\$ -
3. Airport/Aviation center					
a. Administration	4301		\$	\$	\$
b. Airport operations	4302				
c. Other	4309				
d. TOTAL ----- >		E01	\$ -	G01	F01
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Remarks

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)**B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)**

	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (includes col.c&d)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
4. Highways and streets				
a. Administration	4311	E44 162,544	G44 \$	F44 \$
b. Highways and streets	4312	E44 81,747	G44	F44
c. Bridges	4313	E44	G44	F44
d. Street lighting	4316	E44 8,172	G44	F44
e. Toll Highways	4316	E45	G45	F45
f. Other highway, streets, and bridges	4319	E44 57,701	G44	F44 57,701
g. TOTAL ----- >		\$ 310,164	\$ -	\$ 57,701
5. Sanitation		E80	G80	F80
a. Administration	4321	32,751	\$	\$
b. Solid waste collection	4323	E81 1,187	G81	F81
c. Solid waste disposal	4324	E81 60,418	G81	F81
d. Solid waste clean-up	4325	E81	G81	F81
e. Sewage collection and disposal	4326	E80 32,017	G80	F80
f. Other sanitation	4329	E80	G80	F80
g. TOTAL ----- >		\$ 126,373	\$ -	\$ -
6. Water distribution and treatment				
a. Administration	4331	24,690	\$	\$
b. Water services	4332	30,985		
c. Water treatment	4335	6,770		
d. Water conservation	4338			
e. Other water	4339			
f. TOTAL ----- >		E91 \$ 62,445	G91 \$ -	F91 \$ -
7. Electric				
a. Administration	4351	\$	\$	\$
b. Generation	4352			
c. Purchase costs	4353			
d. Equipment maintenance	4354			
e. Other electric	4359			
f. TOTAL ----- >		E92 \$ -	G92 \$ -	F92 \$ -

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)		Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (includes col.c&d)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
8. Health					
a. Administration		4411	150	\$	\$
b. Pest Control		4414			
c. Health agencies and hospitals		4415	10,181		
d. Vital Statistics		4140			
e. Other Health		4419			
f. TOTAL ----->			E32 \$ 10,331	G32 \$ -	F32 \$ -
9. TOTAL expenditures for education purposes (This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)			\$	\$	\$
10. Welfare			E79	G79	F79
a. Administration		4441	3,050	\$	\$
b. Direct assistance		4442	E67 6,904		
c. Intergovernmental welfare payments		4444	M79 390		
d. Vendor payments		4445	E75 6,015		
e. Other welfare		4449	E79 113	G79	F79
f. TOTAL ----->			\$ 16,472	\$ -	\$ -
11. Culture and recreation			E61	G61	F61
a. Parks and recreation		4520	27,272	\$	\$
b. Library		4550	E52 93,082	G52	F52
c. Patriotic purposes		4583	E61 769	G61	F61
d. Other culture and recreation		4589	E61 2,463	G61	F61
e. TOTAL ----->			\$ 123,586	\$ -	\$ -
12. Conservation					
a. Administration		4611	755	\$	\$
b. Purchase of natural resources		4612			
c. Other conservation		4619			
d. TOTAL ----->			E59 \$ 755	G59 \$ -	F59 \$ -
13. Redevelopment and housing					
a. Administration		4631	\$	\$	\$
b. Redevelopment and housing		4632			
c. TOTAL ----->			E50 \$ -	G50 \$ -	F50 \$ -

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)				
	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (includes col.c&d)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
14. Economic development				
a. Administration	4651	\$	\$	\$
b. Economic development	4652			
c. Other economic development	4659			
d. TOTAL ----->		E89 \$ -	G89 \$	F89 \$
15. Debt service				
a. Principal long term bonds and notes	4711	21,750	\$	\$
b. Interest on long term bonds and notes	4721	189 4,219		
c. Interest on tax and revenue anticipation notes	4723	189 4,628		
d. Other debt service charges	4790	E23		
e. TOTAL ----->		\$ 30,597	\$	\$
16. Capital outlay (not reported above)			G89	F89
a. Land and improvements	4901	\$	\$	
b. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	4902	\$	G89	\$
c. Buildings	4903	\$	G89 \$	F89
d. Improvements other than buildings	4909	\$	G89 \$	F89
e. TOTAL ----->		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
17. Interfund operating transfers out				
a. Transfers to special revenue funds	4912			
b. Transfers to capital projects funds	4913			
c. Transfers to proprietary funds	4914			
d. Transfers to capital reserve funds	4915	142,500		
e. Transfers to expendable trust funds	4916			
f. Transfers to non-expendable trust funds	4918			
g. TOTAL ----->		\$ 142,500		

Remarks

Part I	GENERAL FUND (Continued)
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B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account	Total	Equipment and	Construction
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18. Payments to other governments	No. (a)	expenditure (includes col.c&d)	land purchases (c)	(d)
a. Taxes assessed for county	4931	\$ 137,430.00	\$	\$
b. Taxes assessed for precincts/village districts	4932			
c. Local education taxes assessed	4933	1,360,618.00		
d. Taxes assessed for state	4934	277,782.00		
e. Payments to other governments	4939			
f. TOTAL ----->		\$ 1,775,830	\$	\$
19. TOTAL EXPENDITURES ----->		\$ 3,347,502	\$ -	\$ 57,701
20. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (End of year) (Should equal line B.2f, column c, on page 9 and line 13 on page 3, less line 19 above) ----->		\$ 145,752		
21. TOTAL OF LINES 19 AND 20 (Should equal line 13 on page 3) ----->		\$ 3,493,254		

Part II

This area may be used to provide the detail requested wherever "Explain" or "Specify" is found. If additional space is needed, please go to page 10.

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Part III GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET -**MODIFIED ACCRUAL**

A. ASSETS			
	Account No. (a)	Beginning of year (b)	End of year (c)
1. Current assets			
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	420,312	476,689
b. Investments	1030		
c. Taxes receivable (From Section D, page 12)	1080	188,596	259,197
d. Tax liens receivable (From Section D, page 12)	1110	64,397	60,264
e. Accounts receivable	1150	29,951	15,006
f. Due from other governments	1260	33,014	23,653
g. Due from other funds	1310	18,108	
h. Other current assets	1400		
i. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670		
j. TOTAL ASSETS (Should equal line B3) ----- >		\$ 754,378	\$ 834,809
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
1. Current liabilities			
a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	27,115	13,014
b. Compensated absences payable	2030		
c. Contracts payable	2050		
d. Due to other governments	2070	418	415
e. Due to school districts (From Section A, Page 12)	2075	605,965	674,073
f. Due to other funds	2080	900	
g. Deferred revenue	2220	14	232
h. Notes payable - Current	2230		
i. Bonds payable - Current	2250		
j. Other payables	2270	1,323	1,323
k. TOTAL LIABILITIES ----->		\$ 635,735	\$ 689,057
2. Fund equity			
a. Reserve for encumbrances (Please detail on page 10)	2440	1,000	
b. Reserve for continuing appropriations (Detail on p. 10)	2450		
c. Reserve for appropriations voted from surplus	2460		
d. Reserve for special purposes (Please detail on p. 10)	2490		
e. Unreserved fund balance	2530	117,643	145,752
f. TOTAL FUND EQUITY ----->		\$ 118,643	\$ 145,752
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY ----->			
(Should equal line A1j) ----->		\$ 754,378	\$ 834,809

Part IV**DETAIL**

This page may be used to provide the detail requested wherever "Explain" or "Specify" is found. If additional space is needed, please add extra pages using the following format. Please show the detail and the total for each.

Account Number (a)	Item (b)	Amount (c)

Please Detail Reserves from page 9 (Balance Sheet)

Account Number (a)	Item (b)	Amount (c)

Part V**GENERAL FUND**

A. PLEASE LIST THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS TO AMORTIZE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION
(Debt as of (enter date) December 31, 2008 for the ensuing five years)

	Year (a)	Principal (b)	interest (c)	Total (d)
1.	2009	\$ 21,740	\$ 3,083	\$ 24,823
2.	2010	21,140	1,919	\$ 23,059
3.	2011	4,740	785	\$ 5,525
4.	2012	4,740	471	\$ 5,211
5.	2013	4,740	157	\$ 4,897
6. SUBTOTAL (Sum of lines 1-5)		\$ 57,100	\$ 6,415	\$ 63,515
7. Remaining periods of debt				\$ -
8. TOTAL ----- >		\$ 57,100	\$ 6,415	\$ 63,515

Part V GENERAL FUND (Continued)									
D. AMORTIZATION OF LONG-TERM DEBT									
Description (a)	Original obligation (b)	Purpose (c)	Annual installment (d)	Interest rate (e)	Date of final payment (f)	Bonds o/s at beginning of year (g)	Bonds issued this year (h)	Bonds retired this year (i)	Bonds o/s at end of year (j)
Water - 1981	\$ 352,400	Water	Variable	5.00%	11/2010	\$ 50,400		\$ 17,000	\$ 33,400
Sewer - 1986	128,200	Sewer	\$ 4,750	6.63%	02/2013	28,450		4,750	23,700
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TOTALS----->	\$ 480,600					\$ 78,850	\$ -	\$ 21,750	\$ 57,100
Remarks									

Part VI RECONCILIATIONS

A. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY		Amount
1. School district liability at beginning of year (Account number 2075, column b, on page 9)	\$	605,965
2. Add: School district assessment for current year		1,638,400
3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR (Sum of lines 1 and 2)		2,244,365
4. SUBTRACT: Payments made to school district		1,570,292
5. School district liability at end of year (lines 3 less line 4) (Account number 2075, column c, on page 9)		674,073
B. RECONCILIATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES		Amount
1. Short-term (TANS) debt at beginning of year	61V \$	-
2. ADD: New issues during current year		400,000
3. SUBTRACT: Issues retired during current year		400,000
4. Short-term (TANS) debt outstanding at end of year (Lines 1 + 2 - 3) (Be sure to include (TANS) in Account number 2230, column c, page 9)	64V \$	-

PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE SECTIONS C AND D

C. ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS WORKSHEET		Current year (a)	Prior years (b)	TOTAL (c)
1. Overlay/Allowance for Abatements (Beginning of year) *		15,753	60,000	75,753
2. SUBTRACT: Abatements made (From tax collector's report)		1,461	19,768	21,229
3. SUBTRACT: Discounts				-
4. SUBTRACT: Refunds (Cash abatements)		(8,176)		(8,176)
5. ESTIMATED ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS AT END OF YEAR **			60,000	60,000
6. Excess of estimate (Add to revenue on page 1, line 1a)		22,468	(19,768)	2,700

*Use overlay amount for column (a) and use last year's balance of line 5, Allowance for Abatements for column b (see your form from last year).

**The amount in column c will go into line 1(b) for next year's worksheet.

D. TAXES/LIENS RECEIVABLE WORKSHEET		1080 taxes (a)	1110 liens (b)	TOTALS (c)
1. Uncollected, end of year		259,197	120,264	379,461
2. SUBTRACT: "Overlay" carried forward as Allowance for Abatements (from Worksheet C, line 5)			60,000	60,000
3. Receivable, end of year *		259,197	60,264	319,461

* (These amounts are entered on page 9, account numbers 1080 and 1110, column c)

REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	Capital Projects (a)	Special Revenue (b)	Proprietary funds		Internal service (d)
			Enterprise (c)		
1. Revenue from taxes	T01 N/A	T01 \$	T01 N/A		N/A
2. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees	T29	T29	T29		
3. Revenue from the federal government	B89	B89	B89		
4. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire	C89	C89	C89		
5. Revenue from other governments	D89	D89	D89		
6. Revenue from charges for services	A91	A91	A91		
(a) Water supply system charges	A80	A80	A80		
(b) Sewer user charges	A81	A81	A81		
(c) Garbage/refuse collection charges	A92	A92	A92		
(d) Electric	A01	A01	A01		
(e) Airport and aviation	A44	A44	A44		
(f) Highway	A45	A45	A45		
(g) Toll Facilities	A61	A61	A61		
(h) Parks and recreation	A60	A60	A60		
(i) Parking	A94	A94	A94		
(j) Transit or bus system	A89	A89	A89		
(k) Other - Specify --L	A89	A89	A89		
(1)	A89	A89	A89		
(2)					
(3)					
7. Revenue from miscellaneous sources	U20	U20	U20		
(a) Interest on investments	U99	U99	U99		
(b) Other miscellaneous sources		10,949			
8. Interfund operating transfers in		1,598			
9. Other financial sources	U99	U99	U99		
10. TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES	\$	\$	\$		\$

Part VIII SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS

EXPENDITURES (BY FUNCTIONS)	Capital Projects (a)	Special Revenue (b)	Proprietary funds	
			Enterprise (c)	Internal service (d)
1. General government	F89	E89	E89	
2. Public Safety	\$	\$	\$	\$
(a) Police	F62	E62	E62	
(b) Ambulance		E32	E32	
(c) Fire	F24	E24	E24	
3. Airport/Aviation center	F01	E01	E01	
4. Highway and streets	F44	E44	E44	
5. Toll Highways	F45	F45	F45	
6. Sanitation	F81	F81	F81	
7. Water distribution and treatment	F91	F91	F91	
8. Sewerage	F92	E92	E92	
9. Electric	F92	E92	E92	
10. Health	F32	E32	E32	
11. Welfare	F79	E79	E79	
12. Culture and recreation	F61	E61	E61	
13. Parking	F60	E60	E60	
14. Transit or bus system	F94	E94	E94	
15. Conservation	F59	E59	E59	
16. Redevelopment and housing	F50	E50	E50	
17. Economic development	F89	E89	E89	
18. Debt service		E23	E23	
19. Capital outlay - other	F89	F89	F89	
20. Interfund operating transfers out				
21. TOTAL EXPENDITURES ----->	\$	\$	\$	\$

Part IX BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS

	Account No. (a)	Capital Projects (b)	Special Revenue (c)	Proprietary funds	
				Enterprise (d)	Internal service (e)
A. ASSETS					
1. Current assets					
(a) Cash and equivalents	1010	\$	\$ 13,213	\$	\$
(b) Investments	1030				
(c) Accounts receivable	1150				
(d) Due from other governments	1260				
(e) Due from other funds	1310		1,598		
(f) Other - Specify -					
2. Fixed assets					
(a) Land and improvements	1610	\$	\$	\$	\$
(b) Buildings	1620				
(c) Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	1640				
(d) Construction in progress	1650				
(e) Improvements other than buildings	1660				
(f) Other - Specify -					
3. TOTAL ASSETS ----->		\$ -	\$ 14,811	\$ -	\$ -

Part VIII BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS (Continued)						
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	1. Liabilities	Account No. (a)	Capital Projects (b)	Special Revenue (c)	Proprietary funds	
					Enterprise (d)	Internal service (e)
	(a) Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$	\$	\$	\$
	(b) Compensated absences payable	2030				
	(c) Contracts payable	2050				
	(d) Due to other governments	2070				
	(e) Due to other funds	2080				
	(f) Deferred revenue	2220				
	(g) Notes and bonds payable					
	(h) Other - Specify -					
	(i) TOTAL LIABILITIES ----->		\$	\$	\$	\$
	2. Fund equity/Capital					
	(a) Reserve for encumbrances	2440				
	(b) Reserve for special purposes	2490		8,406		
	(c) Unreserved fund balance	2530		6,405		
	(d) Municipal contributed capital	2610				
	(e) Other contributed capital	2620				
	(f) Retained earnings	2790				
	(g) TOTAL FUND EQUITY ----->		\$	\$	\$	\$
	3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY ----->		\$	\$	\$	\$

Part X SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION WORKSHEET**A. INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES**

Report payments made to the State or other local governments on reimbursement or cost-sharing basis. Do not include these expenditures in part VIII.

Purpose (a)	Account No. (b)	Amount (c)
Payments made to other local governments for:		
Schools		M12 1,638,400
Sewers		M80
All other - County	4931	M89 137,430
All other - Towns	4199	M89
Payments made to State for:		
Purpose (a)	Account No. (b)	Amount paid to the State (c)
Highways	4319	L44
All other purposes	4199	L89

C. DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED

Long-term debt purpose (a)	Bonds outstanding at the beginning of this fiscal year (b)	Bonds during this fiscal year		Outstanding at the end of this fiscal year (e)	
		Issued (c)	Retired (d)		
Industrial revenue	19T	24T	34T	44T	
All other debt	19U 78,850	29U	39U 21,750	49U	57,100
Interest on water debt	19I				

D. SALARIES AND WAGES

Report here the total salaries and wages paid to all employees of your city before deductions for social security, retirement, etc. Include also salaries and wages paid to employees of any utility owned and operated by your government, as well as salaries and wages of city employees charged to construction projects. These amounts may be taken from the W3 form filed by your government for the year ended December 31.

Total wages paid
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E. CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD AT END OF FISCAL YEAR

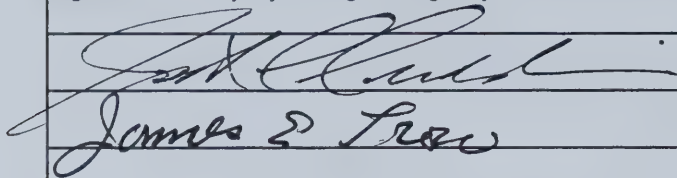
Report separately for each of the two types of funds listed below, the amount of cash on hand and on deposit and investments in Federal Government, Federal agency, State and local government, and non-governmental securities. Report all investments at market value. Exclude accounts receivable, value of real property, and all non-security assets.

Type of fund (a)	Amount at end of fiscal year Omit cents (b)
Bond funds - Unexpended proceeds from sale of bond issues held pending disbursement	W31
All other funds except employee retirement funds and nonexpendable trust funds.	W61 1,322,112

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from
official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

DATE: _____

Signatures of a majority of the governing body:



James E. Treu

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

When completed, one signed copy should be sent to the Department of Revenue Administration
and one copy should be placed in your municipal records.

Please be sure you have completed Part X, items A-D.

WHEN TO FILE: (RSA. 21-J:34, V)

For cities/towns reporting on a calendar year basis, this
report must be filed on or before April 1.

For cities/towns reporting on an optional fiscal year basis (year ending
June 30), this report must be filed on or before September 1.

WHERE TO FILE

Department of Revenue Administration
State of New Hampshire
Municipal Services Division
PO Box 487
Concord, NH 03302-0487

SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

2008 was the year of change. You heard this word spoken more times than you could have imagined. But make no mistake; change was the operative word for the year 2008. Change started at the very top, with the election of a new President and a chance to start anew. But even before the election of our new President, the Selectmen had a few changes of their own that needed to be implemented to keep the Town growing in a positive direction.

Many vital positions in different departments changed hands or were added this year. A new Human Services Director, Brenda Slongwhite, was appointed on March 19th to assume the welfare duties. A new part-time Police Officer, Brian Reopel, was appointed on April 30th. A new Road Agent, Gary Langlois was appointed on May 5th to take over highway operations. A new Fire Chief, Allan Wilson, was appointed on July 23rd to head up the Fire Department, as well as the re-instatement of the third Fire Chief, Chester Heinzman. And finally, Gary Langlois was promoted from part-time Highway employee to a full-time Highway position. With their new energies, positive attitudes, and levels of professionalism that they have brought to their respective departments, these new employees have proven to be of great value to the Town and are exactly the change Bennington needed.

But change didn't stop here. This year the voters approved the acquisition of the VFW building as an official Town-owned building. This opportunity to save the VFW is quite an honor given the history of the building and its past and present membership. On August 26th, the building was formally given to the Town at a deed signing ceremony. We thank the VFW members along with the voters for keeping this organization located within Bennington.

Recognizing the unique history associated with downtown Bennington, early in the year the Bennington Historical Society worked together with The Preservation Company to establish a Historic Village District. With the incorporation of this Historic District, the historic homes identified have the opportunity to become registered with the National Historic Registry.

One thing that has not changed is the willingness of our department heads to solicit grant opportunities for needed monies, equipment, or services in an effort to keep costs down for the taxpayers:

- The Police Department secured grants for speed limit enforcement details, DWI enforcement details, and a new base radio. The total of these grant funds is \$16,213;
- The Fire Department secured grants for structural fire gear as well as gear washer equipment totaling \$26,672;
- The Water Department secured a grant for a new security fence system, to protect the Town's Wellhead, in the amount of \$7,880.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted on April 30th thanks to the efforts of Committee members Rick Reed, David Blanchard, Denise French, Joseph MacGregor, Steve Campbell, Sal Landi, Kristie French, and Barry White. With the adoption of this Plan, the Town is eligible for grant funding to plan for, prevent, or mitigate certain hazards identified in the Plan.

The Selectmen were proud to award two \$1,000 Edward E. French Scholarships this year. The recipients were Dillon Hyland and Kelsy Jennison. The Selectmen are happy to support such vital programs for these fine students and we wish them success in their future educational undertakings.

The creation of the Edes Trust Fund was established on May 21st. Committee members have been solicited to take the next step forward in creating criteria for youth scholarships. We are excited to add this to future available educational scholarships.

The Conservation Commission continued their efforts on the Bruce Edes Memorial Forest with a new kiosk (attached to the VFW building) installed at the entrance of the Forest, as well as their annual trail maintenance. Eastern Mountain Sports provided personnel for additional support and we thank them for their contribution of time.

The Hillsborough County Department of Corrections Work Project has not changed and their services have been at our disposal every year. In 2008, we utilized their services for four weeks, which is more than usual. This year they undertook tasks such as: cemetery clean-up in the spring and fall, roadside clean-up activities, and an extra ordinary amount of brush clearing with the Highway Department. The Town Hall staff continued with their yearly hospitality by providing the workers with home-cooked meals and refreshments; we thank them in this endeavor.

The big event this year was most definitely the "Ice Storm". Of course this Thursday evening storm was an unplanned event and one that affected the entire town. The downtown area was without power until Saturday evening, although water was available throughout the entire power outage. Other areas in town were not so lucky; some were without power for 4-5 days, some for a week, and others for several weeks. It was not an easy storm to deal with. The Fire Department, Police Department, Town Hall personnel, and Highway Department put their all into helping as many people as possible. And despite the fact that we did not have any available emergency power generation, the Emergency Management staff held their post at the Town Hall until systems came back into service. The Selectmen would like to personally thank each and every person for their countless hours in the cause. Further, we thank the families of our employees who supported the absence of their loved one and "kept the home fires burning!" We would also like to thank the Town of Antrim for providing shelter for those families who needed support during this rough time. What was equally amazing during this ice storm were neighbors and friends reaching out to each other during this crisis, providing shelter and warmth if needed; providing food and water if needed; providing strength and friendship until the crisis was over. That's what townspeople do for each other when it's needed most.

In response to this recent emergency situation, the Selectmen and Emergency Management staff proposed a warrant article addressing the need for future emergency generation. We hope for your support of Warrant Article 11 to appropriate \$20,300 for the purchase of emergency generators.

The Selectmen voted late in the year to undertake a full Revaluation of property in 2009 utilizing Capital Reserve Funds already in place. We received three proposals from two different firms. After careful consideration the Selectmen chose Commerford, Nieder & Perkins, LLC who has been our property Assessor for the past five years.

The Selectmen also worked with the Town Clerk to develop a new work schedule to better manage department costs. Starting in February 2009, Mondays will no longer be open to the public for Town Clerk business. This change was based upon our study of patron trends over the past eight years.

The Traffic Enhancement Program (TEP) has been fully engaged over the past two years. The plans have gone through the critical design phase and we are now waiting for the State to accept the Final Design. We are very excited about the possibility of starting this project in spring of 2009. We ask for your support of two Warrant Articles. Warrant Article 18 is a formality to spend funds already in place and will not impact the 2009 tax rate. Warrant Article 21 requests \$10,000 for the Sidewalk Replacement Fund to start funding future phases of the project. We hope you will continue to fund this vital project.

In a consorted effort, the Police, Fire and Rescue Departments, and NH Bureau of Emergency Communications adopted the latest 9-1-1 Maps. This critical information will help emergency crews and their emergency dispatch centers to locate the precise location of a caller and better guide responders to that location.

The Bennington Police had a very good year with the statistics looking favorable for 2008. Criminal activities decreased by 7%, motor vehicle stops increased by 13%, and arrests were down by 8%. These are just a few of many good indicators that Bennington continues to be a safe and well protected Town.

The Fire Department also had a good year. With new Fire Chief Allan Wilson on board, new procedures and training have been implemented and the Fire Department has certainly begun to re-make themselves with renewed pride and professionalism. And following on the heels of the Fire Department's success, is the Highway Department with new Road Agent Gary Russell, and a Ten-Year Road Maintenance Plan to help improve our road infrastructure.

The Selectmen continue to oversee and scrutinize budgets with the help of the Budget Committee, Capital Reserve Funding Committee, and Department Heads to bring you the best value for every tax dollar spent. In fact this year will be the first year, if the budget passes, that health care benefits will no longer be fully funded by the taxpayers at 100% for the employees. The Selectmen have proposed, and the employees have agreed, to a percentage contribution by the employee. This type of negotiation has brought forth a sense of teamwork.

But change is never easy.

The Town of Bennington lost some very dedicated townspeople this past year:

- **Lester Foote** – former “Dump” and Transfer Station employee, Lester worked for the Town for many years;
- **David Mancini** – former Police Chief, Dave worked for the Town for 9 years;
- **Lucien Lizotte** – former Budget Committee member, Lucien served on the Budget Committee for 10 years.

These special individuals gave to the Town for many years and they believed in the Town of Bennington. Their accomplishments and commitment to the Town will not soon be forgotten.

We had several people leave their respective positions in Town to pursue other jobs or other endeavors:

- **Philip Marcellino** – former Police Sergeant, Phil worked for the Town for the past 11 years;
- **David Blanchard** – former Road Agent, Solid Waste Committee member, Highway Safety Committee member, and Hazard Mitigation Committee member, David worked for the Town for 17 years;
- **Joseph O'Brien** – former Fire Chief, Joe served as the Chief for two years and is still an active member on the Fire Department;
- **Christine Lavery** – former Human Services Director, Chris worked for the Town for three years;
- **DJ Warner** - former Forest Fire Warden;
- **Barry White** – former Cemetery Trustee;
- **Leslie MacGregor** – former Trustee of Trust Funds;
- **Ed Pelletier** – former Planning Board member;
- **Jane Pelletier** – former Zoning Board of Adjustment member.

Your individual efforts – whether paid or volunteer – have helped shape and mold the Town into what it is today, and we thank you for your years of service.

We look forward to the changes this next year will bring and hope the current economic situations come to a close soon. We cannot manage this Town alone and are forever grateful to the outstanding volunteers, membership on the Town's boards, committees and commissions, citizenry and dedicated Town employees.

Thank You for placing your trust in us and as always, Vote, Volunteer and Voice your opinions.

Respectfully,

Joseph C. Cuddemi

Philip R. Germain
Chairperson

James E. Trow

Town Clerk's Revenue Report
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

Motor Vehicle Registrations		\$ 199,485.94
Municipal Agent Fees		\$ 5,024.00
Motor Vehicle Titles		\$ 611.00
Motor Vehicle Mail Program		\$ 1,452.00
UCC Lien Filings		\$ 270.00
Marriage Licenses:	Town	\$ 105.00
	State	\$ 570.00
Certified Copies:	Town	\$ 244.00
	State	\$ 454.00
Dog Licenses:	Town	\$ 1,795.00
	State	\$ 191.50
	Animal Population Control	\$ 720.00
Dog Mail Program		\$ 315.00
Dog License Fines		\$ 615.80
Bad Check Fees		\$ 50.00
Election Fees		\$ 10.00
Checklist		\$ 75.00
Misc.		\$ 115.00
Total Revenue Collected by the Town Clerk		<u>\$ 212,103.24</u>

I hereby certify that the above report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2008 - DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	2008	2007
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 01/01/08		
Property Taxes		\$184,096.30
Land Use Change Taxes		\$4,500.00
Yield Taxes		\$0.00
Excavation Taxes		\$0.00
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR		
Property Taxes	\$2,748,689.50	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	4,500.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	7,973.54	49.91
Excavation Taxes	1,703.85	0.00
OVERPAYMENT		
Property Taxes	5,119.00	
Prepaid 2009	169.94	
INTEREST & FEES	2,052.11	11,796.27
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,770,207.94	\$200,442.48
REMITTED TO TREASURER 2008		
Property Taxes	\$2,493,367.63	\$119,775.82
Land Use Change Taxes	4,500.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	7,973.54	49.91
Interest/Fees	2,005.15	11,796.27
Excavation Taxes	1,703.85	0.00
Credit Carried From 2008		13.95
Conversion to Lien (principal)		60,702.52
ABATEMENTS		
Land Use Change Tax	0.00	4,500.00
Property Taxes	1,461.00	3,604.01
Current Levy Deeded	0.00	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 12/31/08		
Property Taxes	\$259,196.77	\$0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,770,207.94	\$200,442.48

A list of unpaid accounts is available for public inspection,
at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie J. French
Tax Collector

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
JANUARY 1, 2008 - DECEMBER 31, 2008**

		TAX LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES:				
		2007	2006	2005	2004	ELDERLY/ DISABLED TAX LIEN
Unredeemed Liens January 1, 2008			\$43,366.15	\$29,743.63	\$555.12	\$50,732.00
Liens Executed 2008		66,662.52				1,213.00
Interest & Costs Collected	Interest	1,441.52	5049.37	6,870.95	89.52	0.00
After Lien Execution	Costs	432.50	426.18	697.79	0.00	0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$68,536.54	\$48,841.70	\$37,312.37	\$644.64	\$51,945.00
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REMITTANCE TO TREASURER						
Redemptions		\$21,119.82	\$17,644.33	\$21,169.25	\$410.48	\$0.00
Interest & Costs		1,874.02	5475.55	7,568.74	89.52	0.00
Abatement of Unredeemed Liens		1,555.86	1533.77	8,574.38	0.00	0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Tax Liens December 31, 2008		43,986.84	24,188.05	0.00	144.64	51,945.00
TOTAL CREDITS		\$68,536.54	\$48,841.70	\$37,312.37	\$644.64	\$51,945.00

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Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie J. French
Tax Collector

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON
WATER AND SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2008 - DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Unpaid Balance January 1, 2008		\$2,412.86
Charges:		
Water Usage	\$47,130.05	
Water Interest	\$131.57	
Shutoff Notice Fees	\$1,510.00	
Water Service Repairs	\$196.64	
Lien Fees	\$0.00	
Sewer Usage	\$25,295.48	
Sewer Interest	\$74.05	
Disconnect/Restore Fees	\$630.00	
Ownership Change/Admin Fee	+ \$100.00	
TOTAL CHARGES		+ \$75,067.79
		\$77,480.65
2007 Credit Carried Forward		- \$61.02
Prepaid 2009		
Water	\$60.76	
Sewer	<u>\$1.07</u>	
		+ \$61.83
Conversion to Lien		
Water	\$0.00	
Sewer	<u>\$0.00</u>	
		- \$0.00
Receipts to Treasurer		
Water	\$48,932.13	
Sewer	<u>\$24,619.18</u>	
		- \$73,551.31
Abatements		
Water	\$177.03	
Sewer	<u>\$240.35</u>	
		- \$417.38
Refunds		
Water	\$0.00	
Sewer	<u>\$0.00</u>	
		+ \$0.00
Unpaid Water & Sewer Charges December 31, 2008		\$3,512.77

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at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie J. French
Tax Collector

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
2008 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN/CITY: BENNINGTON

Gross Appropriations	1,496,182
Less: Revenues	518,670
Less: Shared Revenues	19,978
Add: Overlay	15,753
War Service Credits	34,000

Barbara J. Roberts

Net Town Appropriation	1,007,287
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,007,287
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TOWN RATE
8.61

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	0
Regional School Apportionment	2,787,747
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(1,149,347)

State Education Taxes	(277,782)
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Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,360,618
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LOCAL SCHOOL RATE
11.64

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.14
129,804,469	277,782
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)	
115,859,096	
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	
Pay to State →	0

STATE SCHOOL RATE
2.40

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	137,430
Less: Shared Revenues	(4,514)

Approved County Tax Effort	132,916
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COUNTY RATE
1.14

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,778,603	TOTAL RATE
Less: War Service Credits	(34,000)	23.79
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0	
Total Property Tax Commitment	2,744,603	

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	2.40	277,782
All Other Taxes	21.39	2,500,821
		2,778,603

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TREASURER'S REPORT
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2008	\$	420,315.54
Receipts			3,803,510.14
Disbursements			<u>(3,747,137.06)</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2008	\$	476,688.62

CONSERVATION FUND

Cash Balance	1/1/2008	\$	4,380.60
Interest Earned			<u>10.66</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2008	\$	4,391.26

DRIVEWAY SECURITY ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2008	\$	5,013.66
Interest			1.88
Service Charges			(10.00)
Close Acct to General Fund - Interest			(5.54)
Security Deposits Returned			<u>(5,000.00)</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2008	\$	-

RUSSELL J. REMILLARD - ESCROW ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2008	\$	1,332.45
Interest			<u>4.33</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2008	\$	1,336.78

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce L. Miner
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

For Year Ended December 31, 2008

LOCAL TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR

Property Tax	\$ 2,493,367.63	
Current Use Change Tax	\$ 4,500.00	
Yield Tax	\$ 7,973.54	
Excavation Tax	\$ 1,703.85	
Interest/Penalties	<u>\$ 2,005.15</u>	
		\$ 2,509,550.17

LOCAL TAXES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

Property Tax	\$ 119,775.82	
Yield Tax	\$ 49.91	
Interest/Penalties	\$ 11,796.27	
Tax Liens Redeemed	\$ 60,343.88	
Tax Lien Interest/Penalites	<u>\$ 15,007.83</u>	
		\$ 206,973.71

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT	\$ 73,551.31
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TOWN CLERK REVENUE	\$ 212,103.24
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE

Shared Revenue Grant	\$ 118,595.28	
Highway Block Grant	\$ 37,786.90	
DWI Grant	\$ 5,161.28	
Speed Patrols	\$ 4,218.90	
PD - Base Radio Grant	\$ 6,833.00	
Water Department Fence Grant	\$ 7,880.00	
Assistance to Firefighters Grant	<u>\$ 25,338.46</u>	
		\$ 205,813.82

LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES

Building Permits	\$ 2,875.03	
Demolition Permits	\$ 30.00	
Driveway Permits	\$ 10.00	
Sign Permits	\$ 30.00	
Cable Franchise Fees	\$ 2,329.69	
Court Fines	\$ 1,872.00	
Pistol Permits	\$ 50.00	
Bad Check Fees	<u>\$ 125.00</u>	
		\$ 7,321.72

REIMBURSEMENTS

Conval Election Costs	\$ 180.00	
PD Special Details	<u>\$ 1,462.00</u>	
		\$ 1,642.00

INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS

Administration	\$	30.00
Building Rentals	\$	175.00
Cemetery	\$	50.00
Photocopies	\$	462.38
Planning	\$	1,032.55
Police	\$	548.00
Recreation	\$	280.00
Recycling	\$	15,505.47
Water	\$	731.64
Welfare	\$	250.00
Zoning	\$	339.50

\$ 19,404.54

SALE OF TAX DEEDED PROPERTY

\$ 26,885.77

AWARDS FROM LEGAL JUDGMENTS

\$ 501.00

REDEMPTION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE LIEN

\$ 6,112.92

INTEREST

\$ 2,715.66

TOTAL 2008 RECEIPTS

\$ 3,272,575.86

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

For Year Ended December 31, 2008

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmen Salaries	\$ 4,500.00	
Telephone	\$ 1,572.48	
Computer	\$ 7,082.02	
Copier Lease	\$ 1,469.20	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 986.37	
Advertising	\$ 1,404.43	
General Supplies	\$ 1,125.72	
Office Supplies	\$ 2,882.91	
Postage	\$ 2,736.48	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 1,549.81	
Administrator Salary	\$ 49,843.52	
Asst. to the Administrator Salary	\$ 39,993.29	
Office Support Salaries	\$ 8,295.33	
Mileage/Expenses	\$ 1,372.13	
Moderator's Salary	\$ 80.00	
Town Report Printing	\$ 1,850.00	
Newsletter Printing	\$ 130.78	
Adm Computer Replacement	\$ 2,966.95	
Total Executive Office		\$ 129,841.42

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Town Clerk	\$ 18,585.00	
Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 4,065.84	
Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 6,263.23	
Mileage/Expenses	\$ 282.76	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 120.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 1,416.05	
Books & Periodicals	\$ 84.50	
Municipal Agent Mail Program	\$ 29.35	
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$ 1,800.00	
Supervisors of the Checklist - Conval	\$ 180.00	
Advertising	\$ 329.75	
Supervisor's Office Supplies	\$ 20.42	
Voter Ballot Clerks	\$ 1,188.00	
Election Printing	\$ 408.35	
Election Meals	\$ 288.45	
Election Facility Rental	\$ 1,400.00	
Total Election and Registration		\$ 36,461.70

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Auditing Services	\$ 9,576.78	
Assessing/Tax Map Maintenance	\$ 3,026.25	
Tax Collector Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 40.00	
Tax Collector Fees	\$ 1,101.65	
Treasurer's Salary	\$ 750.00	
Overlay	\$ 2,541.69	
Refunds-Tax Collector	\$ 5,107.00	
Refunds - Town Clerk	\$ 89.00	
Total Financial Administration		\$ 22,232.37

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS			
Office Supplies	\$ 4.79		
Postage	\$ 11.88		
Total Trustees of Trust Funds		\$	16.67
JUDICIAL & LEGAL EXPENSE			
General Legal Support	\$ 8,549.81		
ZBA	\$ 572.38		
Total Judicial & Legal Expense		\$	9,122.19
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION			
Group Health Insurance	\$ 82,103.45		
Group Dental Insurance	\$ 3,127.68		
FICA/Medicare	\$ 33,217.31		
Group 1 Retirement	\$ 17,115.42		
Police Retirement	\$ 13,851.04		
Unemployment Compensation	\$ 63.00		
Workers Compensation	\$ 10,653.00		
Total Personnel Administration		\$	160,130.90
PLANNING AND ZONING			
PB Recording Secretary	\$ 1,845.00		
PB SWRPC Member Dues	\$ 1,656.00		
PB Miscellaneous	\$ 1,188.91		
ZBA Recording Secretary	\$ 285.00		
ZBA Training	\$ 50.00		
ZBA Miscellaneous	\$ 428.74		
Total Planning and Zoning		\$	5,453.65
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS			
Custodial/Groundskeeping	\$ 7,618.43		
Security System Maintenance	\$ 546.00		
Electricity	\$ 2,858.47		
Heat & Oil	\$ 15,353.04		
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 2,456.06		
Total General Government		\$	28,832.00
CEMETERIES			
Groundskeeping	\$ 1,454.75		
Sunnyside Groundskeeping/Laborer	\$ 2,936.75		
Labor	\$ 855.00		
Maintenance Supplies	\$ 77.97		
Total Cemeteries		\$	5,324.47
PROPERTY/LIABILITY/BOND INSURANCE			
NHMA-PLIT Annual Premium	\$ 19,206.47		
Total Property/Liability/Bond Insurance		\$	19,206.47
CONTINGENCY FUND			
General Contingency Fund	\$ 83,383.69		
Abatement Interest	\$ 138.81		
Total Contingency Fund		\$	83,522.50

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Salary	\$ 59,378.84	
Patrol Officer Salary	\$ 38,843.36	
Overtime	\$ 15,036.20	
Part-Time Officers Salary	\$ 28,619.43	
Crossing Guard Salary	\$ 4,089.80	
Holiday Compensation	\$ 4,797.44	
Special Detail Wages	\$ 1,143.47	
Traffic Enforcement Grant	\$ 8,275.02	
Regional Prosecutor	\$ 18,522.00	
Administrative Telephone	\$ 2,379.80	
Cellular Telephone	\$ 346.36	
Lease of Pagers	\$ 124.85	
Medical Services	\$ 180.00	
Dispatch Services	\$ 15,040.01	
Equipment/Training Supplies	\$ 6,593.38	
Administrative Office Supplies	\$ 969.66	
Maintenance/Repair of Equipment	\$ 362.00	
Administrative Gasoline	\$ 8,898.39	
Administrative Vehicle Repairs	\$ 1,863.57	
Books/Periodicals	\$ 100.00	
Uniforms	\$ 1,330.57	
Miscellaneous	\$ 295.00	
Education/Safety	\$ 1,992.70	
Computer Software	\$ 317.50	
Total Police Department		\$ 219,499.35

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Antrim Ambulance	\$ 8,000.00	
Total Ambulance Service		\$ 8,000.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Elected Chiefs Salaries	\$ 2,473.64	
Administrative Telephone	\$ 530.59	
Dispatch Services	\$ 11,220.00	
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 250.00	
General Supplies	\$ 1,650.23	
Firefighter Emergency Calls	\$ 12,238.00	
Forestry	\$ 172.04	
Fire Prevention Materials	\$ 715.97	
Training	\$ 243.00	
Equipment Replacement	\$ 7,952.00	
Service Contracts	\$ 3,337.88	
Radio Repairs	\$ 1,214.08	
Gasoline	\$ 1,144.79	
Repair - Vehicles	\$ 9,638.80	
Electricity	\$ 2,060.08	
Heating Oil	\$ 6,172.60	
Building Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 548.92	
Total Fire Department		\$ 61,562.62

MEDICAL/RESCUE		
Medical Supplies	\$ 1,337.30	
Training	\$ 1,425.00	
Equipment Replacement	\$ 3,379.12	
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 58.50	
Total Medical/Rescue		\$ 6,199.92
BUILDING INSPECTION		
Building Inspector's Salary	\$ 2,950.00	
Books & Education	\$ 800.48	
Total Building Inspection		\$ 3,750.48
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
Pre-Emergency Wages	\$ 104.17	
Emergency Wages	\$ 2,762.48	
Supplies	\$ 3,457.99	
Total Emergency Management		\$ 6,324.64
GENERAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
Road Agent Salary	\$ 42,824.21	
Road Agent Overtime	\$ 6,343.16	
Highway Truck Driver Salary	\$ 35,776.00	
Highway Truck Driver Overtime	\$ 5,510.34	
Highway Laborer Salary	\$ 19,176.65	
Telephone	\$ 587.84	
Drug/Alcohol Testing	\$ 547.00	
Garage Electricity	\$ 1,160.30	
Highway Garage Heat	\$ 2,938.04	
Barn Maintenance/Repairs	\$ 266.81	
General Supplies	\$ 5,234.13	
Street Signs	\$ 930.17	
Equipment Maintenance/Repairs	\$ 16,824.47	
Gasoline/Oil	\$ 14,161.16	
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair	\$ 4,613.03	
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,271.64	
Total General Highway Department		\$ 160,164.95
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS		
Tar/Patch/Seal	\$ 6,035.43	
Paving	\$ 800.00	
Road Maintenance Supplies	\$ 1,660.00	
Road Drainage Supplies	\$ 4,924.92	
Snow/Ice Supplies	\$ 46,866.78	
Hired Plowing/Sanding	\$ 13,810.45	
Gravel Preparation	\$ 7,649.00	
Total Highways and Streets		\$ 81,746.58
STREET LIGHTING		
Street Lighting Electricity	\$ 8,171.59	
Total Street Lighting		\$ 8,171.59

TRANSFER STATION

Attendants	\$ 31,682.33	
Laborer	\$ 1,388.51	
Household Hazardous Waste Day	\$ 1,187.07	
Post-Closure Costs	\$ 2,921.80	
Telephone	\$ 392.33	
Hauling and Disposal	\$ 46,336.00	
Electricity	\$ 867.80	
Shed Heat	\$ 275.62	
General Supplies	\$ 379.26	
Certification	\$ 200.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 279.97	
Recyclables Removal	\$ 2,509.15	
Electronics Recycle Program	\$ 1,950.00	
Container Lease	\$ 1,075.00	
NHRRRA Annual Dues	\$ 100.00	
Highway Dept. Assistance	\$ 688.94	
Total Transfer Station		\$ 92,233.78

WATER DEPARTMENT

Labor Wages	\$ 1,260.00	
Commissioners Salaries	\$ 1,000.00	
Town of Antrim	\$ 20,677.64	
NE Rural Water Association Dues	\$ 190.00	
Postage	\$ 1,172.20	
Miscellaneous	\$ 404.21	
Telephone	\$ 712.80	
Electricity	\$ 8,659.52	
Pumphouse Heat	\$ 1,282.48	
Line Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 19,377.84	
Water Samples	\$ 600.00	
Corrossion Control	\$ 6,769.61	
Total Water Department		\$ 62,106.30

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Sewage Treatment - Town of Antrim	\$ 24,759.23	
Electricity	\$ 2,947.27	
Propane	\$ 100.32	
Repair/Maintenance	\$ 3,330.00	
Monitoring Fee	\$ 420.00	
Generator Maintenance	\$ 460.01	
Total Sewer Department		\$ 32,016.83

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Officer Salary	\$ 125.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 25.00	
Total Health Department		\$ 150.00

ANIMAL CONTROL

Equipment/Supplies	\$ -	
Total Animal Control		\$ -

HEALTH AGENCIES

Home Health Care	\$ 4,000.00	
Monadnock Family and Mental Health	\$ 1,881.00	
Total Health Agencies		\$ 5,881.00

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Human Services Officer Salary	\$ 3,010.30	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 30.00	
Postage	\$ 9.80	
Rental Assistance	\$ 6,903.74	
St. Joseph Community Services	\$ 390.00	
Vendor Payments - Food	\$ 472.68	
Vendor Payments - Electric/Heat	\$ 5,542.70	
Miscellaneous	\$ 112.50	
Total Welfare Department		\$ 16,471.72

PARKS AND RECREATION

Telephone	\$ 451.39	
Christmas Party	\$ 78.63	
Fishing Derby	\$ 752.96	
Activities	\$ 304.07	
Little League	\$ 2,000.00	
Soccer	\$ 110.37	
Miscellaneous	\$ 574.37	
Groundskeeping	\$ 9,870.70	
Electricity - Newhall Field	\$ 761.33	
Ballfield Repairs	\$ 1,850.29	
Ballfield Chemical Toilets	\$ 1,336.00	
Recreation Facilities	\$ 1,124.51	
Lifeguard Salary	\$ 6,385.50	
Beach Improvements	\$ 1,551.82	
Beach Water Sample/Analysis	\$ 120.00	
Total Parks and Recreation		\$ 27,271.94

LIBRARY

Librarian Salary	\$ 38,740.91	
Librarian Assistants	\$ 20,398.36	
Book Collection	\$ 18,049.67	
Media Collection	\$ 3,049.47	
Telephone	\$ 531.67	
Building Electricity	\$ 1,256.29	
Building Heating Oil	\$ 5,731.70	
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 515.66	
Building Maintenance	\$ 649.94	
Photo Copier Supplies	\$ 2,535.43	
Circulation & Office	\$ 1,051.67	
Program Supplies	\$ 802.94	
Conference/Fees	\$ 173.33	
Technology	\$ 153.32	
Total Library		\$ 93,640.36

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES		
Memorial Day	\$ 768.55	
Total Patriotic Purposes		\$ 768.55
EDUCATION		
Edward E. French Scholarship	\$ 2,000.00	
Project LIFT	\$ 463.50	
Total Education		\$ 2,463.50
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 175.00	
Maint & Develop Forests	\$ 580.00	
Total Conservation Commission		\$ 755.00
PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM NOTES		
General Obligation Debt	\$ 21,750.00	
Total Principal - Long Term Notes		\$ 21,750.00
INTEREST - LONG TERM NOTES		
Interest General Obligation Debt	\$ 4,218.62	
Total Interest - Long Term Notes		\$ 4,218.62
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES		
Tax Anticipation Note	\$ 4,628.11	
Total Tax Anticipation Notes		\$ 4,628.11
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		
Fire Truck Reserve	\$ 20,000.00	
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	
Rescue Capital Reserve	\$ 20,000.00	
Police Cruiser Capital Reserve	\$ 12,500.00	
Library Capital Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	
Highway Truck Capital Reserve	\$ 25,000.00	
Water Capital Reserve	\$ 8,000.00	
Sewer Capital Reserve	\$ 2,000.00	
Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	
Sidewalk Construction	\$ 40,000.00	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		\$ 142,500.00
2008 WARRANT ARTICLES		
Grapevine Family Center	\$ 4,000.00	
Contoocook Housing Trust	\$ 300.00	
Total 2008 Warrant Articles		\$ 4,300.00
		\$ 1,566,720.18
TOTAL 2008 EXPENDITURES		

2008 Payroll

Karen Bartlett

Assistant Town Clerk	6,263.23	
Planning Board Recording Secretary	335.00	
ZBA Recording Secretary	<u>155.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		6,753.23

Debra Belcher

Part-Time Administration	20.00	
Town Clerk	18,585.00	
Planning Board Recording Secretary	1,440.00	
ZBA Recording Secretary	130.00	
Cemetery Recording Secretary	<u>255.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		20,430.00

Thomas J. Belcher

Custodial	21.87	
Librarian Assistance	<u>14.36</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		36.23

Thomas S. Belcher

Custodial	<u>2,737.76</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		2,737.76

David Blanchard

Road Agent - Regular	18,976.96	
Road Agent - Overtime	<u>3,070.90</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		22,047.86

Garrett Brandes

Lifeguard	<u>1,624.50</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		1,624.50

Jesse Burnham

FD Emergency Calls	<u>260.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		260.00

Richard Cahoon

FD Emergency Calls	<u>858.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		858.00

Clyde Campbell

Police Chief - Regular	59,378.84	
Overtime	10,471.94	
Holiday Compensation	3,310.40	
Special Detail Wages	610.00	
Traffic Enforcement Grant	7,200.12	
Emergency Management Director	1,427.61	
Health Insurance Reimbursement	<u>3,500.04</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		85,898.95

2008 Payroll

Mark Chase

Water Department	180.00	
Water Commissioner	200.00	
Water Line Maintenance	150.00	
Sewer Maintenance	<u>30.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		560.00

David Chenard

Part-Time Police Officer	<u>11,483.70</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		11,483.70

Donald H. Clough

FD Emergency Calls	<u>24.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		24.00

Carrie Cody

Lifeguard	<u>1,710.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		1,710.00

Catherine Conrey

PD Office Assistance	<u>30.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		30.00

Laurent Cote, Jr.

FD Emergency Calls	<u>40.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		40.00

Joseph Cuddemi

Selectmen Salary	<u>1,500.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		1,500.00

Roland Davison, II

Transfer Station Attendant	56.40	
Custodial	<u>27.28</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		83.68

Denise French

Town Administrator	49,843.52	
Planning Board Recording Secretary	70.00	
Emergency Management	<u>640.47</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		50,553.99

Kristie French

Administrative Assistant - Regular	37,824.26	
Administrative Assistant - Overtime	2,400.14	
Fire Chief Salary	1,000.00	
FD Emergency Calls	578.00	
Emergency Management Assistant	<u>697.46</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		42,499.86

Philip Germain

Selectmen Salary	<u>1,500.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		1,500.00

Matthew Hall

FD Emergency Calls	<u>844.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		844.00

2008 Payroll

Chester Heinzman

Fire Chief Salary	668.31	
FD Emergency Calls	<u>1,156.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		1,824.31

Hope Heinzman

FD Emergency Calls	<u>12.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		12.00

Lynn Heinzman

FD Emergency Calls	<u>330.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		330.00

Michael Hoiriis

FD Emergency Calls	<u>1,074.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		1,074.00

Peter Hopkins

Code Enforcement Officer	<u>2,850.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		2,850.00

Robert Horn

Water Department	30.00	
Water Commissioner	<u>300.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		330.00

Kristin Jackson

FD Emergency Calls	<u>594.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		594.00

Walter Kiblin

Highway Driver - Regular	35,776.00	
Highway Driver - Overtime	3,946.96	
Cemetery Laborer	70.56	
Transfer Station Attendant	211.68	
Transfer Station Post-Closure	35.28	
Transfer Station Hway Assistance	315.44	
Water Line Maintenance	<u>687.96</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		41,043.88

Salvatore Landi

FD Emergency Calls	<u>1,432.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		1,432.00

Gary Langlois

Carpentry	899.00	
Custodial	94.25	
Cemetery Laborer	350.50	
Highway Laborer - Regular	19,412.15	
Highway Laborer - Overtime	1,563.38	
Transfer Station Attendant	1,374.75	
Transfer Station Post-Closure	58.00	
Transfer Station Highway Assistance	132.00	
Water Line Maintenance	609.00	
Recreation Groundskeeping	290.00	

2008 Payroll

Gary Langlois (continued)

Recreation Ballfield Repairs	369.75	
Recreation Beach Improvements	<u>29.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		25,181.78

Christine Lavery

Welfare Officer	<u>720.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		720.00

Andrew Liles

FD Emergency Calls	<u>24.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		24.00

Stanley Lussier

FD Emergency Calls	<u>608.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		608.00

Thomas Lussier

FD Emergency Calls	<u>48.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		48.00

Leslie MacGregor

Library Director	<u>38,740.91</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		38,740.91

Philip Marcellino

Patrol Officer - Regular	38,843.36	
Overtime	4,564.26	
Holiday Compensation	1,487.04	
Special Detail Wages	295.77	
Traffic Enforcement Grant	<u>984.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		46,174.43

Lester Milton

Part-Time Police Officer	11,559.48	
Special Detail Wages	237.70	
Traffic Enforcement Grant	<u>90.90</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		11,888.08

Joyce Miner

Treasurer	<u>750.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		750.00

Marc Mosher

FD Emergency Calls	<u>698.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		698.00

Taylor Nealand

Lifeguard	<u>1,422.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		1,422.00

Joseph O'Brien

Fire Chief Salary	175.36	
FD Emergency Calls	<u>888.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		1,063.36

2008 Payroll

Kathleen O'Brien

FD Emergency Calls	490.00	
Total 2008 Pay		490.00

Linda Osienski

Deputy Town Clerk	4,065.84	
Total 2008 Pay		4,065.84

Barbara Parker

Part-Time Administration	8,197.30	
Total 2008 Pay		8,197.30

Donald Parker, Sr.

Transfer Station Attendant	17,400.71	
Total 2008 Pay		17,400.71

Kristin Readell

Library Assistant	32.00	
Total 2008 Pay		32.00

Brian Reopel

Part-Time Police Officer	5,546.25	
Total 2008 Pay		5,546.25

Michael Roina

FD Emergency Calls	990.00	
Total 2008 Pay		990.00

Gary Russell

Road Agent - Salary	23,847.25	
Road Agent - Overtime	3,272.26	
Cemetery Laborer	76.00	
Transfer Station Highway Assistance	136.50	
Water Line Maintenance	854.00	
Recreation Beach Improvements	38.00	
Total 2008 Pay		28,224.01

Emily Sawich

Lifeguard	1,629.00	
Total 2008 Pay		1,629.00

Melissa Searles

Library Assistant	20,352.00	
Total 2008 Pay		20,352.00

Brenda Slongwhite

Welfare Officer	2,290.30	
Total 2008 Pay		2,290.30

Charles Stevenson

Building Inspector	100.00	
Health Officer	125.00	
Total 2008 Pay		225.00

Michael Tacy

Transfer Station Attendant	13,896.80	
Water Department	60.00	
Total 2008 Pay		13,956.80

2008 Payroll

James Trow

Selectmen	<u>1,500.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		1,500.00

Donald Warner

FD Emergency Calls	<u>320.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		320.00

Katherine Warner

FD Emergency Calls	<u>138.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		138.00

Allan Wilson

Fire Chief Salary	629.97	
FD Emergency Calls	390.00	
Water Department	<u>120.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		1,139.97

Glenn Wilson

Water Department Wages	750.00	
Water Commissioner Salary	500.00	
Water Line Maintenance	780.00	
Sewer Maintenance	<u>30.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		2,060.00

Amy Wing

FD Emergency Calls	<u>312.00</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		312.00

Dorothy Zabriskie

Crossing Guard	<u>4,089.80</u>	
Total 2008 Pay		4,089.80

Total 2008 Payroll	541,243.49
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Notes:

There were 53 pay periods in 2008.

As of January 1, 2008, all firefighters and EMTs were classified as employees and now are included in the annual payroll listing.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS, BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Principal			Interest			Total Trust Fund End of Year	
				Balance Beg Year	New Funds Created	Gains/Losses/Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Amount		(Expended) During Year
Cemetery Funds:											
Various	Mt. Calvary	Perpetual Care	Various	\$ 775.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 775.00	\$ 399.00	\$ 28.73	\$ 399.00	\$ 1,174.00
Various	Sunnyside	Perpetual Care	Various	\$ 12,011.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,011.73	\$ 3,578.22	\$ 326.34	\$ 3,578.22	\$ 15,589.95
Various	Evergreen	Perpetual Care	Various	\$ 39,022.53	\$ 900.00	\$ (6,960.73)	\$ 32,961.80	\$ 2,215.25	\$ 403.91	\$ 2,215.25	\$ 35,177.05
Total Cemetery Funds:				\$ 51,809.26	\$ 900.00	\$ (6,960.73)	\$ 45,748.53	\$ 6,192.47	\$ 758.98	\$ 6,192.47	\$ 51,941.00
Library and Scholarship Funds:											
Various	Library Funds	Library	CD BNH & NHPDIP	\$ 80,338.33	\$ -	\$ (80,338.33)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1994	Edward French	Scholarship	NHPDIP	\$ 1,463.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,463.02	\$ 392.57	\$ 70.45	\$ 483.02	\$ 1,926.04
Total Library/Scholarship Funds:				\$ 81,801.35	\$ -	\$ (80,338.33)	\$ 1,463.02	\$ 392.57	\$ 70.45	\$ 463.02	\$ 1,926.04
Capital Reserves:											
1990	Fire Truck	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 32,961.14	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 52,961.14	\$ 2,573.10	\$ 1,017.58	\$ -	\$ 56,551.82
1993	Water Dept	Equipment	NHPDIP	\$ 47,083.78	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ 55,083.78	\$ 10,803.38	\$ 1,480.41	\$ (9,117.76)	\$ 58,249.81
1993	Forestry Truck	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ (5,387.69)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5,387.69)	\$ 5,387.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1994	Library	Structure Repair	NHPDIP	\$ 36,028.48	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 41,028.48	\$ 3,694.75	\$ 989.56	\$ (8,100.79)	\$ 37,612.00
1997	Sewer	Equipment	NHPDIP	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 9,512.26	\$ 1,231.44	\$ -	\$ 52,743.70
1997	Rescue Truck	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 121,079.28	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 141,079.28	\$ 13,610.80	\$ 3,455.32	\$ -	\$ 158,145.40
1997	Highway Dept Equip	Capital Reserve	Various	\$ 44,291.81	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 49,291.81	\$ 5,216.98	\$ 809.34	\$ (20,407.00)	\$ 34,911.13
1999	Highway Dept Truck	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ (2,126.67)	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 22,873.33	\$ 16,938.27	\$ 544.11	\$ -	\$ 40,355.71
1999	Police Cruiser	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 5,784.87	\$ 12,500.00	\$ -	\$ 18,284.87	\$ 1,241.90	\$ 139.18	\$ (5,111.90)	\$ 14,554.05
1999	Highway Dept Mower	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 5,503.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,503.33	\$ 1,689.71	\$ 176.87	\$ -	\$ 7,369.91
2001	Bridge Expendable	Expendable Trust	NHPDIP	\$ 20,885.34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,885.34	\$ 3,554.51	\$ 597.92	\$ (1,148.50)	\$ 23,889.27
2001	Town Buildings Expendable	Expendable Trust	NHPDIP	\$ 26,594.62	\$ 205.12	\$ -	\$ 26,799.74	\$ 2,220.43	\$ 589.23	\$ (7,638.13)	\$ 21,971.27
2001	Bridge Replacement	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 10,904.76	\$ 1,680.75	\$ -	\$ 73,585.51
2001	Fire Dept Radios	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 0.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.10
2001	Sidewalk Repair	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 92,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ 132,000.00	\$ 10,792.09	\$ 2,771.26	\$ (25,210.00)	\$ 120,353.35
2002	Revaluation	Capital Reserve	NHPDIP	\$ 46,300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,300.00	\$ 3,756.18	\$ 1,230.52	\$ -	\$ 51,286.70
2008	Library	Private Funds	NHPDIP	\$ -	\$ 73,583.40	\$ -	\$ 73,583.40	\$ -	\$ 502.52	\$ (433.36)	\$ 73,652.56
Total Capital Reserve Funds:				\$ 566,998.39	\$ 216,288.52	\$ -	\$ 783,286.91	\$ 101,896.81	\$ 17,216.01	\$ (77,167.44)	\$ 825,232.29

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE

The following report reflects 2009 funds appropriated by the Funding Committee, in conjunction with the Budget Committee, categorized by Department for ease of use in understanding the financial impact of the Departments being funded:

HIGHWAY DEPT FUNDS

A. Trucks	\$25,000
B. Mower	\$ 0
C. Bridge Repair	\$ 0
D. Equipment	\$ 5,000
E. Bridge Replacement	\$ <u>5,000</u>

Total Highway Dept Funds	\$35,000
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FIRE DEPT FUNDS

A. Trucks	\$20,000
B. Rescue Vehicle	\$ <u>20,000</u>

Total Fire Dept Funds	\$40,000
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POLICE DEPT FUND

A. Cruiser	\$ <u>12,500</u>
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Total Police Dept Fund	\$12,500
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UTILITY DEPT FUNDS

A. Water	\$ 8,000
B. Sewer	\$ <u>2,000</u>

Total Utility Dept Funds	\$10,000
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MUNICIPAL DEPT FUNDS

A. Revaluation	\$ 0
B. Town Buildings	\$15,000
C. Sidewalk Improvement	\$ <u>10,000</u>

Total Municipal Dept Funds	\$25,000
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LIBRARY DEPT FUND

A. Repairs & Equipment	\$ <u>5,000</u>
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Total Library Dept Fund	\$ <u>5,000</u>
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2009 Funding Requested	\$127,500
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ANALYSIS OF MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS AND COMMITTEES:

Highway Department:

Funds of \$1,148.50 were expended from the Expendable Bridge Trust Fund for Bennington's share of engineering services for the shared Antrim/Bennington bridge. Additional engineering and maintenance costs are anticipated in 2009.

Road Agent Gary Russell submitted a Ten-Year Road Maintenance Plan, with a projected cost of \$668,360. The Committee unanimously voted to propose a 2009 Warrant Article to create a Road Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund to meet current and future road needs. Article 24 appears on the 2009 Town Warrant in response to the Committee's proposal. The initial appropriation requested is \$20,000.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$25,000 to the Highway Truck CRF, \$5,000 to the Highway Equipment CRF, and \$5,000 to the Bridge Replacement CRF.

The Funding Committee voted not to fund the Mower and Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Funds since the available funds seem adequate.

December 31, 2008 CRF balances for all Highway Department accounts are as follows:

Trucks	\$ 40,355.71
Mower	\$ 7,369.91
Bridge Repair	\$ 23,889.27
Equipment	\$ 34,911.13
Bridge Replacement	\$ <u>73,585.51</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$ 180,111.53

Fire Department:

There were no funds expended in 2008.

The Fire Department presented a singular quote of \$163,832 as an estimated cost to replace the rescue vehicle and the cost to retrofit the old rescue vehicle into the brush truck. The Funding Committee recommends the rescue vehicle be replaced in 2009 to take advantage of the depressed vehicle market.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$20,000 to the Fire Trucks CRF and \$20,000 to the Rescue Vehicle CRF.

December 31, 2008 CRF balances for all Fire Department accounts are as follows:

Trucks	\$ 56,551.82
Rescue Vehicle	\$ 158,145.40
Radios	\$ <u>.10</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$ 214,697.32

Police Department:

There were no funds expended in 2008.

The Police Chief presented a singular quote of \$24,703 as the net amount needed, after trade-in, to purchase a replacement police cruiser sedan. The quote includes costs for decals, transfer of equipment and a \$1,000 cushion for unforeseen equipment, i.e. partition, video, rear window bars, etc.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to continue its annual appropriation of \$12,500 to the Police Cruiser CRF.

December 31, 2008 balance in the Police Cruiser CRF is \$14,554.05.

Utility Departments:

The Water Department expended \$9,117.76 during 2008 to replace a portion of the South Bennington Road water line.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to continue the annual appropriation of \$8,000 to the Water Department CRF and \$2,000 to the Sewer Department CRF.

December 31, 2008 CRF balances for the Utility Departments accounts are as follows:

Water	\$ 58,249.81
Sewer	\$ <u>52,743.70</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$ 110,993.51

Municipal Departments:

Every five years the Town is mandated by State statute to certify its real estate assessments. Prior to year end the Board of Selectmen executed a contract for \$48,400 with Commerford, Nieder, Perkins LLC for a full revaluation of property in 2009.

Funds of \$1,291.13 were expended during 2008 for the expansion of Police Department space to store evidence. Additionally \$1,336.10 was expended to replace a drafty door with an energy efficient window in the Administrator's office.

Plans for 2009 expenditures from the Town Buildings CRF include installation of a fire/security system at one of the Town buildings and construction of a salt and sand shed to protect the environment while keeping the salt/sand mixture from freezing.

Throughout 2008 the Town's engineers have been pursuing completion of the Transportation Enhancement Project design. The Town is awaiting final approval of the plans from NH DOT before we can proceed. Unfortunately, lengthy delays have been experienced due to new Shoreland Protection laws, a reduction of State personnel, and most recently, DOT engineers' time has been diverted to the economic stimulus plan. The Selectmen are pushing for spring construction. The Town's 20% match expended during 2008 for engineering services was \$25,210.00.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to appropriate \$15,000 to the Town Buildings CRF and \$10,000 to the Sidewalk CRF. The Funding Committee voted not to fund the Revaluation CRF since funds are adequate to pay for the 2009 revaluation of property.

December 31, 2008 CRF balances for the Municipal Departments accounts are as follows:

Revaluation	\$ 51,286.70
Town Buildings	\$ 21,971.27
Sidewalk Improvements	\$ <u>120,353.35</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$ 193,611.32

Library:

2008 expenditures paid for the following: \$6,200.00 replacement of the old steam boiler, \$460.79 rugs and \$1,404.00 for roof repairs; a total of \$8,100.79.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee voted to continue its annual appropriation of \$5,000 to the Library CRF.

December 31, 2008 balance in the Library CRF is \$37,612.00.

The cumulative balance of all Capital Reserve Funds as of December 31, 2008 is \$751,579.73.

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2008 will forever be defined as the year of the "Great Ice Storm" despite all other local events that occurred throughout the year both positive and negative. The ice storm did serve as an unpleasant reminder to all of us that we're quite dependent on each other and on our electronic lifestyles for communication, information, water, food and warmth and it was evident that we were unprepared to take care of our patrons while off the power grid. The public buildings in our region quickly became havens for recharging cell phones, e-mailing family and friends, searching and checking in with NH Job sites, staying warm, staying busy, sharing frustrations, using the bathroom and getting water. Three days after the return of power to Main Street, Comcast finally came back online and the Library was able to offer internet service and access to patrons who were still many days away from getting power and internet back in their own homes.

Your Library is an excellent value. Per patron the cost is a mere \$14.53 per year; less than the cost of one DVD, or one book. This year the Library saw an increase in patron registrations, use of the public computers, and in circulation; particularly the audio visual materials. In December alone there was a 400% increase in the overall circulation. As a matter of economy many households have let go of their monthly fees for cable, satellite dish companies, and computer access accounts and have begun to rely on the free offerings of computer access audio books and movies at the Library. The Library's computers are now more often used by people searching for jobs, checking in with NH job sites, resume writing and word processing than they are for e-mail. Unless there is a miraculous turn in the economy, we expect this trend to increase throughout 2009.

In addition to providing audio visual materials, inter-library loan, connection to national databases, computer access, FAX, copying services, story times, book groups, and various seasonal programs, patrons can use museum passes to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, The Currier Museum in Manchester and to the Fells in Newbury, NH. These passes were purchased and donated for the Library by the GEP Dodge Friends of the Library.

The Library Trustees had to cope with some distracting events at the start of 2008 and were forced to table all efforts to form a new building committee until 2009. Despite not having had a building committee the trustees still considered and discussed options available for putting a much needed addition onto the Library. One of the newer options in public building construction is LEED construction (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). LEED potentially can offer more possibilities for grants to help fund a future addition. The Library Trustees are looking for people with an interest, talent, and connections to public building construction, alternative energy construction, and grant writing to donate their time to this long range project.

Old buildings and equipment require perpetual vigilance and care and often their failures are unexpected. In 2008 the Library's ancient server twice failed and had to be replaced, the Library's slate roof developed a rather large opening, and the Library's furnace needed to be replaced.

CHILIS, (the NH State Library Association's children's services section) sponsored an Aussie summer reading program theme in 2008 entitled "*G'Day for Reading!*" Our summer readers learned of reptiles, creepy crawlies and mysterious sea creatures. We kicked off the program with a didgeridoo concert and finished with a visiting reptile zoo. Many volunteers provided

creative fun for our summer story and craft programs under our tent and the centerpiece was the spectacular larger-than-life Kangaroo lawn mascot created by Debi Belcher.

Our generous, hardworking, quiet group of volunteers keeps us able to provide our patrons with all they deserve from a public library. Each day that we are open, we benefit from one or another gift that a Bennington citizen has given either through donation, time, or instruction. Our outstanding volunteer is Wagner Quintanilha. Wagner has single handedly kept the Library technology operating. Circulation and cataloging are dependent on the tenuous connections to the databases at the NH State Library, and the rest of the internet's information society as well to our own internal catalog & circulation database. Each computer and each server runs according to their component's vintage, and each one has to be coaxed to cooperate with the other. Only a magician can keep them in order and Wagner is that magician.

Our Sunday volunteers epitomize the term 'community service'. Most have volunteered to care for our Sunday patrons for well over 16 years. They not only devote their time to the Library but most of them also tend to other town activities and boards. Thank you to our volunteers Lisa Shingler, Laurie MacKeigan, Deb Page, Chris Maple, Dorothy Smith and Robyn Manley.

We are also dependent on our two volunteer Library Pages, Ryleigh Lorimer and Sofia Thornblad. Both shelve returns, organize our periodical collection, and do general chores. Both cheerfully take on any assignment no matter how miserable. A Page always needs to be focused, calm and accurate; one shelving error can create endless wasted time and frustration.

We are very grateful to Sandy Baker and her sons, Bennington Garage, Blanchette Plumbing & Heating, Francestown Clothing Company, Jack Daniels Motor Inn and Pierce School PTO for sponsoring our summer reading program, and making it possible to have performances, programs and t-shirts. Thank you to the volunteers who have provided stories, crafts and activities throughout the year: Sandy Baker, Victoria Burnham, Jeanine Clarke-Edmunds, Betty Coffin Brooks, Dotty Dillon, Pam & Ryleigh Lorimer, Laurie MacKeigan, Lisa Shingler, Claudia Sysyn, Janice Tyler and the NH Fisher Cats.

Come visit our Library, check out all of our offerings, and bring a friend!

Respectfully-

Leslie MacGregor, Director
Melissa Searles, Assistant Director

Library Trustees
Lisa Shingler, Laurie MacKeigan, Victoria Burnham, and Robyn Manley

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The most important piece of information to pass along is that the Police Department had a safe, with no injuries. For many years I have reported that we had a safe year and a year with no turnover in personnel. Unfortunately I cannot say both things this year. We lost one person to another Department. After eleven years Phil Marcellino moved to being a Police Officer in Hillsborough. We wish him and his family the best. We still have Dave Chenard and Lester Milton as part-time officers; however, we did add a third part-time officer – Brian Reopel. Once again, I don't want to forget Dottie Zabriskie. She has returned as Crossing Guard for the sixth year. As far as a replacement for Phil, I am in the middle of the hiring process.

I have always said Bennington is a good and safe place to live and I still believe that. However, in order to keep it that way I am again asking you to keep an eye on your community and your neighbors and if you see anything suspicious or unusual, please report it to the police at 588-6303. We cannot prevent crime; however, if we work together we can reduce it which will make the quality of life in Bennington that much better.

We had a total of 5,185 police calls for service in 2008, compared to 5,128 in 2007. Some of them are as follows:

- Criminal Cases: 416 (cases which could have resulted in an arrest)
- Arrests: 240 chargeable offenses
- Non-Criminal Calls for Service: 1896
- Motor Vehicle Stops: 2134
- Motor Vehicle Accidents: 31
- Miscellaneous items: 468 (including: court, juvenile, animal, community policing events and mutual aid)

Out of 416 criminal cases, 395 have been cleared in an acceptable manner such as an arrest or no charges pursued. This means we had a success rate of 95%. I know this is not acceptable to the victims of the 21 (5%) unsolved cases; however, we continue to strive to solve all cases. The unsolved cases include: 3 Criminal Mischief, 1 burglary and 17 thefts. Out of the 17, thefts 10 were from the ski area.

All officers pledge to be professional and fair – even when the decisions might be negative. If you have a concern, question or just want to stop by to say “Hi” remember the door to the Police Department is open – at least if someone is in the office.

We are proud to be your Police Department and look forward to serving you in 2009. We are committed to providing professional and fair service in a courteous manner. Please check us out at www.benningtonpd.com.

Respectfully Submitted

Chief Steve Campbell
Officer Dave Chenard
Officer Lester Milton
Officer Brian Reopel
Crossing Guard Dottie Zabriskie

FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Bennington Fire and Rescue Department has had a busy year, responding to a total of 159 calls.

- 22 of the calls were fire calls, including structure fires, chimney fires, and brush fires.
- Bennington Rescue Squad responded to 60 calls, which include medical calls and motor vehicle accidents.
- Remaining calls include service calls, fire alarms, and carbon monoxide calls...

Reminder to all residents to have a working Carbon Monoxide Detector and Smoke Detector

In 2008, Bennington Fire and Rescue received a FEMA grant allowing us to purchase ten sets of new turnout gear as well as a specialized washing machine that will assist with maintaining the gear.

The Ice Storm in December was a difficult time for all the residents in Bennington; Fire Department resources were in high demand and calls for assistance and service were numerous. With many hours of hard work by Department members, all calls were answered, and Fire Department members were able to provide assistance to other Town departments as well.

Bennington Fire Department has many plans for the year 2009, which include purchasing a new Rescue truck to replace the 1995 Rescue that is currently in use. Once the new Rescue truck is in service, the old unit will be converted into a Brush Truck. Funding will come from the existing Capital Reserve Fund. We ask for your support of Warrant Article 16 to add additional funding to complete the project.

In 2009, Bennington Fire and Rescue would like to increase the number of members on the Department. If you have ever considered joining the Department or have any interest at all, please call and we will be glad to talk with you. In 2009, we are looking to start the Fire Department Auxiliary which will allow people to volunteer in a support role without having to actually respond to fire/rescue calls. There are numerous ways to get involved and we encourage all residents to consider joining the Department.

In closing, I want to thank the residents of Bennington for their continued support and to extend my gratitude to all the current Department members. The members continue to show commitment to their community and maintain a level of professionalism that is commendable.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Allan D. Wilson

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

New to the Town Report this year is the subject of – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Basically, Emergency Management deals with the procedures Bennington uses in handling natural disasters. In 2008 we implemented an Emergency Management budget within the Town's operating budget. At that time it was mainly to deal with emergency related wages and purchase of equipment. The equipment purchased in 2008 was barricades.

Now we jump forward to the end of 2008. What was the incident which required activation of the Emergency Management Department? It was the Ice Storm which resulted in power outages for days/weeks and countless numbers of trees and wires coming down. Because of the type of incident, the amount of damage, and the length of the disaster, the Emergency Operations Center was opened.

The Emergency Operations Center is responsible for providing as much assistance as possible to the residents of Bennington and to document all activities for possible FEMA reimbursement. We did a lot of good things – worked with Antrim at the Shelter, provided rides to the Shelter, provided rides so residents could get a hot meal, notification of almost every home to provide updates on the situation, provided water to those in need, and contact to many people who needed general type of assistance.

One extremely important thing missing during this storm was generators. The workers at the Emergency Operations Center worked in the dark and cold. During the first few days, there was no telephone service to portions of town. As a result, workers used personal cell phones because we had no power. We could not charge emergency radio equipment, phone batteries, and we had no access to computers to keep track of the storm updates. We were also unable to provide a shelter for our residents.

We are working on getting generators. We ask for your support of Warrant Article 11 to purchase emergency generators. Once funding is in place, we will work on grants to assist in the costs. Everyone involved in the storm: Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, Emergency Management Office, Police, Fire and Highway want to respectfully request that you support the Warrant Article to purchase the generators, which will help immeasurably in providing assistance and service to the residents of Bennington during the time of any disaster.

We also want to add that even though we worked without power that the Police Department, Fire Department and Highway Department worked together in an EXCELLENT manner. Therefore, we want to thank everyone for their professionalism and hard work they put in to assist the Bennington residents and to clean up the roads.

We would also like to reach out to volunteers to assist with Emergency Management Operations. We need volunteers to assist with operating the Emergency Operations Center, assist with operating an emergency shelter if needed, provide rides, assist with food requirements, and other tasks as needed. Not only do we need your assistance, but *the*

residents of Bennington need your help. If you are interested in volunteering your time please contact Steve Campbell at 588-3409 or Kristie French at 588-2189. We will write your name and phone number down and when the time comes and we need your assistance we will call on you. THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING.

And finally, if you have a specific need and wish to be checked on during an emergency we ask that you contact Steve or Kristie. This information will be kept in a secure location; if another emergency strikes, we will contact you to check on you or coordinate assistance if needed. On behalf of all Town Departments, we THANK YOU very much for your assistance and support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Campbell, Emergency Management Director
Kristie French, Assistance Emergency Management Director



**Public Service
of New Hampshire**

The Northeast Utilities System

December 19, 2008

Special Report

December Ice Storm 2008

How Was this Storm Different?

The magnitude of the storm took meteorologists by surprise. Meteorologists knew that we were in for icy precipitation on Thursday night, but what surprised them was the sheer amount of precipitation received over a 12- to 24-hour period (more than 2 inches of liquid precipitation), as well as the geographical scope and endurance of the freezing rain.

Rare weather conditions prevailed.

Typically, winter storms in New Hampshire contain a relatively narrow geographical band with the potential for freezing rain (e.g. 10 to 20 miles wide), while the majority of areas experience snow, sleet, or rain. In this storm, the area hit by freezing rain was uncommonly large, and the freezing rain persisted for much longer—and in larger amounts—than any storm we've seen in New Hampshire for a very long time.

As freezing rain quickly coated the Southern half of the state, branches and electrical equipment faltered under the weight of the ice, causing unprecedented power outages in a very short period of time.

It hit hardest in the most heavily populated areas of the state.

While the less-populated Northern region of New Hampshire received sleet or snow, the densely populated Southern tier of the state experienced several hours of persistent, heavy freezing rain. This is markedly different than the ice storm of January 1998, wherein much lighter precipitation persisted over several days, causing the most damage at higher elevations in the Northern and Central regions of New Hampshire.

It caused more power outages than any other storm in NH history. Storm damage was three times as bad as anything PSNH has ever faced in 82 years of service. More than 322,000 PSNH customers were without power when outages peaked on Friday evening. By way of comparison, the January 1998 ice storm left 55,000 PSNH customers without power at its peak, and the worst storm in PSNH history prior to the December 2008 ice storm—Snowstorm Bernice in 1996—left a total of 93,000 PSNH customers without power at its peak.

Storm Comparison Data



The magnitude of PSNH's response has been equally unprecedented. PSNH's entire fleet of 190 line and tree-trimming crews was deployed immediately to begin restoring power in the early morning hours on Friday, December 12. In the following days, an additional 660 line and tree-trimming crews flooded in from as far away as Quebec, Nova Scotia, Ohio, and Maryland to join the historic restoration effort.

In the first six days of restoration, crews restored power to more than 250,000 PSNH customers, and replaced more than 55 miles of wire, nearly 500 transformers, and about 10,000 fuses—more fuses than PSNH typically goes through in several years.

By way of comparison, it took that same amount of time—six days—to restore service to 93,000 customers following Snowstorm Bernice in 1996.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2008 set at least two records – one – the wettest year on record since 1870 and – two – the Ice Storm in December that left many of us without power for days. The Highway Garage was nine days running on a portable welder, and the gas to power it in the first two days was purchased in Hillsborough because of the power outage.

Numerous projects were tackled throughout the year. Drainage was one of the first tasks we started on, filling in the washed edges of roadways and rebuilding the culvert header on Bible Hill Road at Cold Springs Pond. Later in the year, ditching and culvert cleaning kept us busy because of the heavy rains that seemed to keep falling right up until the ground froze. An under-drain and stone ditch were erected on Onset Road to help with ice flow problems. There were also two areas of roadway that needed work along the river: one between the railroad trestle and the Monadnock Paper Mills parking lot on Antrim Road and the other near the Deering town-line. Both sites were filled with blast rock and 6 inch minus to ballast the side of the roadway.

Brush cutting and tree trimming took a good part of the summer work, starting on Bible Hill and Onset Roads with the help of workers from the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections. As time allowed, the Highway Department worked on other areas of town, including Ross, Eaton, Pierce Hill, Old Coach, and Old Stagecoach Roads, among others. During and after the Ice Storm, the Highway crew continued to pick up tree debris along the roadways until the snow piled up on the shoulders, preventing further work. The Highway crew will continue to work to clean up the debris after the snow melts.

We coordinated with Southwest Regional Planning Commission to have traffic counts done on some roads in Town to help in developing a road maintenance plan.

This summer, we also helped the Water Department with their water line project on South Bennington Road.

I would like to thank everyone for their help during and after the Ice Storm, especially the Fire Department, Police Department, and PSNH.

I would also like to remind residents that Bible Hill Road will continue to have extra truck traffic due to the weight limit that Antrim Highway had to impose on Water Street.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary S. Russell, Road Agent

PLANNING BOARD

Besides the regular reviews we are asked to perform, this year the Board was quite busy planning for the future. After visiting several other towns' Planning Board meetings to see how they do things, we decided it was necessary to go to a two meetings a month format. The first meeting will be used mostly for Public Hearings, the second mostly for internal issues and crafting Ordinances.

An example of our first monthly meeting would be our review of the Town's arrangement with Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride Area; which ultimately led to permitting them, with some restrictions, certain off-season use. An example of our second meeting would be the establishment of our rules and procedures so all can follow our process.

Shortly after this Town Report is published, and before most of you will have had a change to read it, you will have voted on our proposed Ordinances. The State of NH has mandated that every municipality have provisions for Workforce Housing, as well as permitting Multi-Family Housing in some districts of each town. We have drafted these required Ordinances to fit with our Town. We also hope the amendments to the Building Permit process passed as these will make it safer and more equitable for all involved. And clearly, the time for a Small Wind Energy Ordinance has come. Conceivably, the future will lead us towards more regulations to oversee other green energy sources as they develop and become more abundant.

Speaking of the future, we have many important issues to consider next year:

- The creation of a town-wide development flow chart;
- Regulations of ground and surface water protection and a Wetlands Ordinance;
- Other possible uses, besides residential development, for the over 400 acres of gravel pits in Town once their primary use has been expended.
- Some sort of density provision
- Master Plan update

There will be public meetings for your feedback on these issues.

The entire Board showed extreme dedication in formulating the required Ordinances to be ready for Town approval. This year I would like to single out our newest member Melissa Stewart as an outstanding volunteer. Besides qualities we would appreciate in any Board member – inquisitiveness, impartiality, and eagerness to learn and participate – she also brings her history as the Frankestown Planning Board Recording Secretary. Thank you, Melissa.

We meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and volunteers are always needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Rose

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON ZONING ORDINANCE
PROPOSED 2009 AMENDMENTS**

Proposed additions are indicated *in italic font*

Proposed deletions are indicated ~~in strikethrough font~~

Warrant Article #3

Amend the Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance Article VI. D.1. relating to the Permitted Uses in the Village District:

Insert the following:

15. Multi Family Housing

Warrant Article #4

Amend the Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance Article VII relating to the General Requirements:

Insert the following after the Area, Frontage, Setback, and Height table:

All buildings, permanent or temporary (including membrane type buildings), must meet all setback requirements.

Insert the following after L. 8. c:

M. Multi Family Housing: Up to five (5) single-family dwelling units may be allowed on one lot provided the following conditions are met:

- 1. There shall be no more than one (1) residential building per lot and no more than five (5) dwelling units in that building.*
- 2. The use is not otherwise prohibited by the ordinance on the lot in question.*
- 3. If Town Water/Sewer is unavailable, then the sewage disposal system design shall be approved by the Town Building Inspector and by the NH Department of Water Supply and Pollution Control.*
- 4. Adequate provisions for properly buffered off-street parking are made. When appropriate, limits may be set on the number of allowable vehicles.*
- 5. Dwelling units are not to be used or rented as transient quarters and the right to rent or sublet shall not be permitted for periods of less than thirty (30) days.*

6. *In the case of multi-family conversions, site plan approval is obtained from the Planning Board.*
7. *Lot needs to be a minimum of one (1) acre, plus ten-thousand (10,000) square feet per dwelling unit above two.*
8. *Frontage Requirements:*
 - a. *New Construction – A lot shall have one hundred (100) feet of frontage plus fifty (50) feet for each unit more than two.*
 - b. *Multi-Family Conversions – A lot shall have one hundred (100) feet of frontage plus twenty-five (25) feet for each unit more than two.*
9. *Setback Requirements:*
 - a. *New Construction – Front setback shall be forty (40) feet and side setback shall be thirty (30) feet.*
 - b. *Multi-Family Conversion – Front setback shall be thirty (30) feet and side setback shall be twenty-five (25) feet.*

Warrant Article #5

Amend the Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance Article XV. B relating to Zoning Board of Adjustment variances:

Insert the following after B.6:

7. *An approved variance shall lapse at the end of twelve (12) months unless the conditions of the variance have been acted upon.*

Warrant Article #6

Amend the Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance Article XVI. B relating to the Requirement of a Building Permit:

Amend #1 as follows:

1. Beginning work on any construction projects covering more than ~~one hundred (100)~~ *one-hundred twenty (120) square feet:*
 - a. Placement of foundations
 - b. Moving or demolition of any structure
 - c. Placement of a *permanent or temporary* building/structure on a lot (including mobile homes, ~~or~~ *manufactured housing and membrane type buildings*).
 - d. *When any point of the structure is greater than ten (10) feet in height*

Amend the following sentences/paragraphs after requirement reference #4 as follows:

Maintenance, repairs and redecoration that do not involve structural alterations or additions shall not require a building permit.

A building permit application shall be on a form provided by the Town, accompanied by all necessary descriptive information and a permit fee based on a schedule established by the Board of Selectmen.

~~A building permit shall be valid for one year.~~

~~The applicant shall have made an appreciable start (i.e. foundation installed and capped) within four months of the issuance of the building permit.~~

A permit under which no work is started within six (6) months after issuance will expire by limitation. If an excavation has been wholly or partially completed or the foundation walls have been erected and the project is terminated, the parties granted the permit would be required to bring the excavation back to grade within six (6) months after the date of the permit. Failure to carry construction beyond first-floor flooring within six (6) months or to complete exterior structural details as specified in filed plans and specifications within twelve (12) months after the start of work will be considered evidence of termination of the project for which the permit was issued.

A building permit for a new structure or for alterations to an existing structure shall expire two (2) years after the date issued. If any work has not been completed which is covered by the original permit, a new permit shall be required unless the Code Enforcement Officer has previously approved a schedule for construction which runs past the expiration date of the original permit but in no instance shall a permit term exceed two (2) years and six (6) months.

Warrant Article #7

Amend the Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance Article XVII relating to definitions:

□ #2 as follows:

2. Building: ~~A structure forming a shelter for persons, animal, or property. Shall mean any independent structure having a roof with structural support and more than one hundred and twenty (120) square feet in size and/or when any point of the structure is greater than ten (10) feet in height. All buildings, permanent or temporary (including membrane type buildings), must meet all setback requirements and require a building permit.~~

Insert #s 19 through 25 as follows:

19. Multi-Family Housing: For the purpose of Workforce Housing developments, means a building or structure containing up to five (5) dwelling units, each designed for occupancy by an individual household.
20. Affordable: Means housing with combined rental and utility costs or combined mortgage loan debt services, property taxes, and required insurance that does not exceed 30 percent of a household's gross annual income.
21. Conditional Use Permit: A permit for a use administered by the Planning Board based on the criteria outlined in the ordinance.
22. Owner-Occupied Housing: Any dwelling unit intended to be conveyed in fee simple, condominium or equity-sharing arrangement such as a community housing land trust and limited equity cooperatives.
23. Reasonable and Realistic Opportunities for the Development of Workforce Housing: Means opportunities to develop economically viable Workforce Housing within the framework of a municipality's ordinances and regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter and consistent with RSA 672:1, III-e. The collective impact of all such ordinances and regulations on a proposal for the development of Workforce Housing shall be considered in determining whether opportunities for the development of Workforce Housing are reasonable and realistic. If the ordinances and regulations of a municipality make feasible the development of sufficient Workforce Housing to satisfy the municipality's obligation under RSA 674:59, and such development is not unduly inhibited by natural features, the municipality shall not be in violation of its obligation under RSA 674:59 by virtue of economic conditions beyond the control of the municipality that affect the economic viability of Workforce Housing development.
24. Rental Housing: Any dwelling unit intended to be leased.
25. Workforce Housing: Means housing which is intended for sale and which is Affordable to a household with an income of no more than 100 percent of the median income for a four-person household for the metropolitan area or county in which the housing is located as published annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Workforce Housing also means Rental Housing which is Affordable to a household with an income of no more than 60 percent of the median income for a three-person household for the metropolitan area or county in which the housing is located as published annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Housing developments that exclude minor children from more than twenty percent of the units, or in which more than fifty percent of the dwelling units have fewer than two bedrooms, shall not constitute Workforce Housing for the purposes of this subdivision.

Warrant Article #8

Adopt as an amendment to the existing Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance, Article XXI relating to Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance:

Insert a new Article XXI after Article XX:

Article XXI Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance

A. Purpose:

This small wind energy systems ordinance is enacted in accordance with RSA 674:62-66, and the purposes outlined in RSA 672:1-III-a. The purpose of this ordinance is to accommodate small wind energy systems in appropriate locations, while protecting the public's health, safety and welfare. In addition, this ordinance provides a permitting process for small wind energy systems to ensure compliance with the provisions of the requirements and standards established herein.

B. Definitions:

Meteorological tower (met tower). *Includes the tower, base plate, anchors, guy wires and hardware, anemometers (wind speed indicators), wind direction vanes, booms to hold equipment for anemometers and vanes, data loggers, instrument wiring, and any telemetry devices that are used to monitor or transmit wind speed and wind flow characteristics over a period of time for either instantaneous wind information or to characterize the wind resource at a given location. For the purpose of this ordinance, met towers shall refer only to those whose purpose are to analyze the environmental factors needed to assess the potential to install, construct or erect a small wind energy system.*

Modification. *Any change to the small wind energy system that materially alters the size, type or location of the small wind energy system. Like-kind replacements shall not be construed to be a modification.*

Net metering. *The difference between the electricity supplied to a customer over the electric distribution system and the electricity generated by the customer's small wind energy system that is fed back into the electric distribution system over a billing period.*

Power grid. *The transmission system, managed by ISO New England, created to balance the supply and demand of electricity for consumers in New England.*

Shadow flicker. *The visible flicker effect when rotating blades of the wind generator cast shadows on the ground and nearby structures causing a repeating pattern of light and shadow.*

Small wind energy system. *A wind energy conversion system consisting of a wind generator, a tower, and associated control or conversion electronics, which*

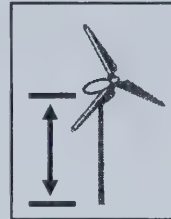
has a rated capacity of 100 kilowatts or less and will be used primarily for onsite consumption.

System height. The vertical distance from ground level to the tip of the wind generator blade when it is at its highest point.



Tower. The monopole, guyed monopole or lattice structure that supports a wind generator.

Tower height. The height above grade of the fixed portion of the tower, excluding the wind generator.



Wind generator. The blades and associated mechanical and electrical conversion components mounted on top of the tower whose purpose is to convert kinetic energy of the wind into rotational energy used to generate electricity.

C. Procedure for Review:

1. **Building Permit:** Small wind energy systems and met towers are an accessory use permitted in all zoning districts where structures of any sort are allowed. No small wind energy system shall be erected, constructed, or installed without first receiving a building permit from the building inspector. A building permit shall be required for any physical modification to an existing small wind energy system. Met towers that receive a building permit shall be permitted on a temporary basis not to exceed 3 years from the date the building permit was issued.
2. **Application:** Applications submitted to the building inspector shall contain a site plan with the following information:
 - i) Property lines and physical dimensions of the applicant's property.
 - ii) Location, dimensions, and types of existing major structures on the property.
 - iii) Location of the proposed small wind energy system, foundations, guy anchors and associated equipment.
 - iv) Tower foundation blueprints or drawings.
 - v) Tower blueprints or drawings.

- vi) *Setback requirements as outlined in this ordinance.*
 - vii) *The right-of-way of any public road that is contiguous with the property.*
 - viii) *Any overhead utility lines.*
 - ix) *Small wind energy system specifications, including manufacturer, model, rotor diameter, tower height, tower type, nameplate generation capacity.*
 - x) *Small wind energy systems that will be connected to the power grid shall include a copy of the application for interconnection with their electric utility provider.*
 - xi) *Sound level analysis prepared by the wind generator manufacturer or qualified engineer.*
 - xii) *Electrical components in sufficient detail to allow for a determination that the manner of installation conforms to the NH State Building Code.*
 - xiii) *Evidence of compliance or non-applicability with Federal Aviation Administration requirements.*
 - xiv) *List of abutters to the applicant's property.*
3. *Abutter and Regional Notification: In accordance with RSA 674:66, the building inspector shall notify all abutters and the local governing body by certified mail upon application for a building permit to construct a small wind energy system. The public will be afforded 30 days to submit comments to the building inspector prior to the issuance of the building permit. The building inspector shall review the application for regional impacts per RSA 36:55. If the proposal is determined to have potential regional impacts, the building inspector shall follow the procedures set forth in RSA 36:57, IV.*

Standards:

- 1. *The building inspector shall evaluate the application for compliance with the following standards;*
 - a. *Setbacks: The setback shall be calculated by multiplying the minimum setback requirement number by the system height and measured from the center of the tower base to property line, public roads, or nearest point on the foundation of an occupied building.*

Minimum Setback Requirements			
Occupied Buildings on Participating Landowner Property	Occupied Buildings on Abutting Property	Property Lines of Abutting Property and Utility Lines	Public Roads
0	1.5	1.1	1.5

- i) *Small wind energy systems must meet all setbacks for principal structures for the zoning district in which the system is located.*
 - ii) *Guy wires used to support the tower are exempt from the small wind energy system setback requirements.*
- b. *Tower: The maximum tower height shall be restricted to 35 feet above the tree canopy within 300 feet of the small wind energy system. In no situation shall the tower height exceed 150 feet.*
- c. *Sound Level: The small wind energy system shall not exceed 60 decibels using the A scale (dBA), as measured at the site property line, except during short-term events such as severe wind storms and utility outages.*
- d. *Shadow Flicker: Small wind energy systems shall be sited in a manner that does not result in significant shadow flicker impacts. Significant shadow flicker is defined as more than 30 hours per year on abutting occupied buildings. The applicant has the burden of proving that the shadow flicker will not have significant adverse impact on neighboring or adjacent uses. Potential shadow flicker will be addressed either through siting or mitigation measures.*
- e. *Signs: All signs including flags streamers and decorative items, both temporary and permanent, are prohibited on the small wind energy system, except for manufacturer identification or appropriate warning signs.*
- f. *Code Compliance: The small wind energy system shall comply with all applicable sections of the New Hampshire State Building Code.*
- g. *Aviation: The small wind energy system shall be built to comply with all applicable Federal Aviation Administration regulations including but not limited to 14 C.F.R. part 77, subpart B regarding installations close to airports, and the New Hampshire Aviation regulations, including but not limited to RSA 422-b and RSA 424.*
- h. *Visual Impacts: It is inherent that small wind energy systems may pose some visual impacts due to the tower height needed to access wind resources. The purpose of this section is to reduce*

the visual impacts, without restricting the owner's access to the optimal wind resources on the property.

i) The applicant shall demonstrate through project site planning and proposed mitigation that the small wind energy system's visual impacts will be minimized for surrounding neighbors and the community. This may include, but not be limited to information regarding site selection, wind generator design or appearance, buffering, and screening of ground mounted electrical and control equipment. All electrical conduits shall be underground, except when the financial costs are prohibitive.

ii) The color of the small wind energy system shall either be the stock color from the manufacturer or painted with a non-reflective, unobtrusive color that blends in with the surrounding environment. Approved colors include but are not limited to white, off-white or gray.

iii) A small wind energy system shall not be artificially lit unless such lighting is required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). If lighting is required, the applicant shall provide a copy of the FAA determination to establish the required markings and/or lights for the small wind energy system.

i) Approved Wind Generators: The manufacturer and model of the wind generator to be used in the proposed small wind energy system must have been approved by the California Energy Commission or the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, or a similar list approved by the state of New Hampshire, if available.

j) Utility Connection: If the proposed small wind energy system is to be connected to the power grid through net metering, it shall adhere to RSA 362-A:9.

k) Access: The tower shall be designed and installed so as not to provide step bolts or a ladder readily accessible to the public for a minimum height of 8 feet above the ground. All ground-mounted electrical and control equipment shall be labeled and secured to prevent unauthorized access.

l) Clearing: Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to that which is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the small wind energy system and as otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances.

E. Abandonment:

- 1. At such time that a small wind energy system is scheduled to be abandoned or discontinued, the applicant will notify the building inspector**

by certified U.S. mail of the proposed date of abandonment or discontinuation of operations.

2. Upon abandonment or discontinuation of use, the owner shall physically remove the small wind energy system within 90 days from the date of abandonment or discontinuation of use. This period may be extended at the request of the owner and at the discretion of the building inspector. "Physically remove" shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Removal of the wind generator and tower and related above-grade structures.
 - b. Restoration of the location of the small wind energy system to its natural condition, except that any landscaping, grading or below-grade foundation may remain in its same condition at initiation of abandonment.
3. In the event that an applicant fails to give such notice, the system shall be considered abandoned or discontinued if the system is out-of-service for a continuous 12-month period. After the 12 months of inoperability, the building inspector may issue a Notice of Abandonment to the owner of the small wind energy system. The owner shall have the right to respond to the Notice of Abandonment within 30 days from Notice receipt date. After review of the information provided by the owner, the building inspector shall determine if the small wind energy system has been abandoned. If it is determined that the small wind energy system has not been abandoned, the building inspector shall withdraw the Notice of Abandonment and notify the owner of the withdrawal.
4. If the owner fails to respond to the Notice of Abandonment or if, after review by the building inspector, it is determined that the small wind energy system has been abandoned or discontinued, the owner of the small wind energy system shall remove the wind generator and tower at the owner's sole expense within 3 months of receipt of the Notice of Abandonment. If the owner fails to physically remove the small wind energy system after the Notice of Abandonment procedure, the building inspector may pursue legal action to have the small wind energy system removed at the owner's expense.

F. Violation:

It is unlawful for any person to construct, install, or operate a small wind energy system that is not in compliance with this ordinance. Small wind energy systems installed prior to the adoption of this ordinance are exempt from this ordinance except when modifications are proposed to the small wind energy system.

G. Penalties:

Any person who fails to comply with any provision of this ordinance or a building permit issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be subject to enforcement and penalties as allowed by NH Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 676:17.

Warrant Article #9

Adopt as an amendment to the existing Town of Bennington Zoning Ordinance, Article XXII relating to Workforce Housing Overlay District:

Insert Article XXII after the newly proposed Article XXI:

Article XXII Workforce Housing Overlay District

- A. Purpose: The purpose of this Article is to provide for reasonable opportunities for the development of Workforce Housing within Bennington for both home ownership and rental opportunities. The Town recognizes the importance and benefit to the community and its citizens in the establishment of suitable opportunities for Workforce Housing. The Town recognizes that there are some situations in which normal Zoning, Site Plan Review and/or Subdivision requirements can be waived without necessarily sacrificing public health, safety and welfare so long as proper safeguards are maintained. We are required to provide for adequate workforce housing.
- B. Authority: This Workforce Housing Article is adopted under the authority of RSA 674:58-61 and RSA 674:21.
- C. Applicability: This article applies to Workforce Housing developments proposed under RSA 674:58-61.
- D. Conditional Use Permit Requirement: Development of a Workforce Housing project in accordance with the provisions of this article is permitted through a Conditional Use Permit administered by the Planning Board.
- E. Permitted Zone Districts: Development of a Workforce Housing project in accordance with the provisions of this article is permitted through a Conditional Use Permit for the following uses within a Workforce Overlay District that encompasses all or part of the following zone districts in this Zoning Ordinance:

Permitted Types of Residential Uses by Zone District				
	Permitted Types of Residential Uses			
Zone District	SFD¹	MH²	TFD³	MFH⁴
Village	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Rural/Agricultural	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Commercial/Recreational	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Industrial	No	No	No	No

Permitted Types of Residential Uses:

1. *SFD¹ = Single Family Dwelling*
 2. *MH² = Manufactured Home*
 3. *TFD³ = Two-Family Dwelling*
 4. *MFH⁴ = Multi-Family Housing*
- F. *Overlay District Boundaries: The boundaries of this overlay district encompass all zone districts with exception of the industrial district.*
- G. *Incentives for Workforce Housing: Upon reasonable showing demonstrated by the applicant that after considering all cost factors affordable housing can not be provide under terms of the ordinance the Planning board may grant the following incentives:*
- a. *Density Increase: The Planning Board may approve a density increase.*
 - b. *Lot Size Reductions: The Planning Board may allow a decrease of the minimum lot size.*
 - c. *Road Frontage Reductions: The Planning Board may allow a decrease in road frontage.*
 - d. *Setback Reductions: The Planning Board may set minimum setbacks on each lot. Perimeter setbacks shall be sufficient to buffer and protect adjacent properties and the street from encroachment. At a minimum there shall be a fifty (50) foot setback from the property line around the perimeter of the property.*
 - e. *Open Space Reduction: The Planning Board may approve a reduction in open space. Open space shall be sufficient to accommodate the needs of the proposed occupants of the project.*
 - f. *Waiver of Application Fees: Planning Board application fees for Site Plan Review, Subdivision, and Conditional Use Permit applications may be waived except the direct cost of notice to abutters, the applicant and any easement holders during the planning process and the fees for any independent consultants.*
- H. *Assurance of Continued Affordability:*
1. *The housing initially constructed and offered for sale or rent shall meet the definition of Workforce Housing as defined in ARTICLE XVII Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance.*
 2. *In order to qualify as Workforce Housing under this Article, the developer must make a binding commitment that the Workforce Housing units will remain Affordable for a period of 30 years. This shall be enforced through a deed restriction; restrictive covenant; or a contractual arrangement*

through a local, state or federal housing authority or other non-profit housing trust or agency. For the 30-year term, the deed restriction, restrictive covenant, or contractual arrangement established to meet this criterion must make the following continued affordability commitments:

- a. Affordable housing rental units shall limit annual rent increases to the percentage increase in the area median income, except to the extent that further increases are made necessary by hardship or other unusual conditions.
- b. Resale of Owner-Occupied Housing shall be to a family that qualifies for a Workforce Housing unit that is Affordable.
- c. Deed restrictions, restrictive covenants, or contractual arrangements related to dwelling units established under this Article must be documented on all plans filed with the Bennington Planning Board and the Registry of Deeds.

- I. Documentation of Eligibility for Workforce Housing: To ensure that only eligible households purchase/rent the designated Workforce Housing, the purchaser/renter of a Workforce Housing unit must submit copies of their last three years' federal income tax returns and written certification verifying their annual household income level does not exceed the maximum level as established by the applicable definitions in **ARTICLE XVII** of the terms used in this Article. The tax returns and written certification of household income must be submitted to the developer of the housing units, or the developer's agent, prior to the transfer of title. A copy of the tax return and written certification of household income must be submitted to all parties charged with administering and monitoring this ordinance, as set forth in section O. of this article, within 30 days following the transfer of title.
- J. Conditional Use Permit Application: A complete application for a Conditional Use Permit includes the materials listed below **in addition to an application for a site plan review and/or a subdivision** where applicable. An application for a Conditional Use Permit can be processed concurrently with the application for a Site Plan Review and/or a Subdivision, as required for the specific project.
 1. An application form.
 2. The applicant shall file a written statement indicating the applicant's intent to develop land that is intended to qualify as Workforce Housing under RSA 674:58-61.
 3. List and mailing address of the abutters, the applicant and any easement holders on the property in question.
 4. Fees for notifying abutters, the applicant and any easement holders.

5. *All applicants under this article must submit the following data to ensure project affordability:*
 - a. *Calculation of the number of units provided under this Article and how it relates to its provisions.*
 - b. *Project cost estimate including land, development and construction costs; financing, profit, and sales costs; and other cost factors.*
 - c. *Description of each unit's size, type, estimated cost and other relevant data.*
 - d. *Requirements of household eligibility are outlines in section I of this Article.*
 - e. *All agreements established as part of section H. Assurance of Continued Affordability of this Article.*
 - f. *List of required variances, Conditional Use Permits, and special exceptions including justification of their necessity and effectiveness in contributing to affordability.*
 - g. *Cost savings associated with any written waiver request to the application submittal requirements or the standards outlined in the Site Plan Review Regulations or the Subdivision Regulations.*
6. *Written requests for waivers from any of the application submittal requirements or standards outlined in the Site Plan Review Regulations or the Subdivision Regulations.*
- K. *Conditional Use Permit Criteria: The applicant needs to demonstrate to the Planning Board that the application for Workforce Housing meets the following criteria:*
 1. *The Planning Board must determine that the type and density of proposed Workforce Housing units is compatible with or provides a compatible transition to the use and density of any neighboring residential areas and that the project will be constructed in a manner that is harmonious with neighboring developments, housing and natural surroundings.*
 2. *The housing proposed shall qualify as Workforce Housing as defined in **ARTICLE XVII Definitions**.*
 3. *The project shall comply with all Zoning Ordinance, Site Plan Review Regulations and/or Subdivision Regulations, other than those standards relaxed under section G or section L. 3. (b).*
 4. *In determining the minimum lot size in areas served by on-site water and sewer systems, the minimum lot size shall comply with the New*

Hampshire Department of Environmental Services minimum lot sizing based on soil type and slope.

L. Conditional Use Permit Procedure:

- 1. Any person who applies to the Planning Board for approval of a development that is intended to qualify as Workforce Housing under this subdivision shall file a written statement of such intent as part of the application. The failure to file such a statement shall constitute a waiver of the applicant's rights under RSA 674:61, but shall not preclude an appeal under other applicable laws. In any appeal where the applicant has failed to file the statement required by this paragraph, the applicant shall not be entitled to a judgment on appeal that allows construction of the proposed development, or otherwise permits the proposed Workforce Housing development to proceed despite its nonconformance with the municipality's ordinances or regulations.*
- 2. If the Planning Board approves an application to develop Workforce Housing subject to conditions or restrictions, it shall notify the applicant in writing of such conditions and restrictions and give the applicant an opportunity to establish the cost of complying with the conditions and restrictions and the effect of compliance on the economic viability of the proposed development. The board's notice to the applicant of the conditions and restrictions shall constitute a conditional approval solely for the purpose of complying with the requirements of RSA 676:4,1(c) (1). It shall not constitute a final decision for any other purpose, including the commencement of any applicable appeal period.*
- 3. Upon receiving notice of conditions and restrictions under paragraph 2 and in the event the applicant objects to any conditions and restrictions, they shall, submit evidence to establish the cost of complying with the conditions and restrictions and the effect on economic viability within the period directed by the Planning Board, which shall not be less than 30 days.*
 - (a) Upon receipt of such evidence from the applicant, the Planning Board shall allow the applicant to review the evidence at the Planning Board's next regular business meeting for which ten days of public notice can be provided. Ten (10) days notice by certified mail shall be given to abutters, the applicant and the holders of any easements on the subject property. The general public shall be given ten (10) days notice by posting the public notice in two public places. At such meeting, the board may also receive and consider evidence from other sources.*
 - (b) The board may affirm, alter, or rescind any or all of the conditions or restrictions of approval after such meeting. The Planning Board is authorized to consider relaxing or waiving one or more of the standards in the Town's land use ordinances and regulations to make the housing units in the project Affordable.*

- (c) *Subject to subparagraph (d), the board shall not issue its final decision on the application before such meeting, unless the applicant fails to submit the required evidence within the period designated by the board, in which case it may issue its final decision any time after the expiration of the period.*
- (d) *If an applicant notifies the board in writing at any time that the applicant accepts the conditions and restrictions of approval, the board may issue its final decision without further action under this paragraph.*

M. Appeals Procedure:

1. *Any person who has filed the written notice required by RSA 674:60, and whose application to develop Workforce Housing is denied or is approved with conditions or restrictions which have a substantial adverse effect on the viability of the proposed Workforce Housing development may appeal the municipal action to the superior court under RSA 677:4 or RSA 677:15 seeking permission to develop the proposed Workforce Housing. The petition to the court shall set forth how the denial is due to the municipality's failure to comply with the Workforce Housing requirements of RSA 674:59 or how the conditions or restrictions of approval otherwise violate such requirements.*
2. *A hearing on the merits of the appeal shall be held within 6 months of the date on which the action was filed unless counsel for the parties agree to a later date, or the court so orders for good cause. If the court determines that it will be unable to meet this requirement, at the request of either party it shall promptly appoint a referee to hear the appeal within 6 months. Referees shall be impartial, and shall be chosen on the basis of qualifications and experience in planning and zoning law.*
3. *In the event the decision of the court or referee grants the petitioner a Judgment that allows construction of the proposed development or otherwise orders that the proposed development may proceed despite its nonconformance with local regulations, conditions, or restrictions, the court or referee shall direct the parties to negotiate in good faith over assurances that the project will be maintained for the long term as Workforce Housing. The court or referee shall retain jurisdiction and upon motion of either party affirming that negotiations are deadlocked, the court or referee shall hold a further hearing on the appropriate term and form of use restrictions to be applied to the project.*

N. Limitation on Improvements:

Repairs, remodeling, additions, expansions, restorations, reconstructions, Alterations, and the addition of Accessory Buildings are allowed provided:

1. *The Workforce Housing unit continues to be Affordable.; and they comply with the required setbacks.*

O. Administration, Compliance and Monitoring

1. *Applications under this Article shall be made to the Planning Board and shall be part of the submission of an application and notice for Site Plan Review and/or Subdivision approvals as needed.*
2. *Workforce Housing projects approved under this Article shall be administered by the Board of Selectmen or its designee.*
3. *No certificate of occupancy shall be issued for a Workforce Housing unit without written confirmation of the income eligibility of the tenant or buyer of the Affordable housing unit and confirmation of the rent or price of the Affordable housing unit as documented by an executed lease or purchase and sale agreement by the Board of Selectmen or their designee.*
4. *On-going responsibility for monitoring the compliance with resale and rental restrictions on Affordable units shall be the responsibility of Board of Selectmen or its designee.*
5. *The owner of a project containing Affordable units for rent shall prepare an annual report, due at the end of December each year certifying that the gross rents of Affordable units and the household income of tenants of Affordable units have been maintained in accordance this Article. Such reports shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen or its designee and shall list the contract rent and occupant household incomes of all Affordable housing units for the calendar year.*
6. *The Planning Board has authority to adopt regulations implementing the terms of this ordinance.*

P. Applicability

If the planning board determines that the municipalities existing housing stock is sufficient to accommodate its "Fair Share" of the current and reasonably foreseeable regional need for such housing the board may suspend the use of this ordinance

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

This year has once again, been a slow year for the building industry. Two new residential homes were constructed this year, along with 27 other permits for decks, garages, and other additions and out-buildings.

The Selectmen and I have tried to work with residents to bring their property into compliance with the State junkyard laws and the Water Protection Zone ordinances of the Town of Bennington. The State RSA stipulates that you may not have two or more unregistered, uninspected vehicles on your property unless the Selectmen grant the landowner a Junk Yard license. This is a slow process but with the cooperation of the citizens, we hope to be able to assure the protection of the Water Resources present in town.

As the Code Officer for the Town, I am available to help you understand the Building Codes and Zoning Ordinances of the Town. My home phone number is 547-3449 and my cell phone number is 582-9521. Please feel free to call me anytime.

Peter Hopkins
Code Enforcement Officer

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Cemetery Trustees wish to thank the people of Bennington for their continued support in the upkeep and care of our cemeteries.

As in the past, the Cemetery Trustees offer their thanks to the work crew from the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections, Donald Parker, and the Bennington Highway Department for their help and excellent work in the spring and fall cleanup of Sunnyside and Evergreen Cemeteries.

We thank, again, the VFW for their annual efforts to replace the Veteran's flags in the Cemeteries.

In this coming year, 2009, we are looking to repair the stone wall and fence that surrounds the Sunnyside Cemetery. This is costly, but necessary as the rains of last year (2008) has blown out part of the wall and has had to be repaired with a temporary fix. What we need to do is remove a few rotten stumps, improve the drainage and remove the poor materials and bring in better materials, along with fixing that part of the wall. Not only is this necessary to preserve the Cemetery it is also a safety factor.

Again, we thank everyone for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Belcher
Bernetta MacKenzie
Jill S. Young

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

We would like to thank Donald Parker, Michael Tacy, Roland Davison, and Gary Langlois for doing an excellent job maintaining the facility and helping patrons at the Transfer Station this year.

This year's Transfer Station revenues, between disposal goods and recyclables, were approximately \$15,505. As of this year, users of the Transfer Station are recycling 41% of its trash collected. In addition, Bennington users recycled 56 tons of paper, with an environmental impact equivalent of savings 944 trees!

As a reminder – as of January 1, 2008, RSA 149-M:58 bans the disposal of mercury-added products at any Transfer Station. Such products include thermometers, thermostats, electrical switches, mercury button cell batteries, and tube and compact fluorescent light bulbs. Check with your Recycling Attendant regarding the disposal of these products.

This year the Town will participate in two Hazardous Waste Disposal cycles. One will be held in the spring and one will be held in the summer/fall. We have arranged for Bennington residents to dispose of their Household Hazardous Waste in Keene at no charge. The dates for these programs are as follows:

SPRING

Sat., March 21 / Wed., March 25
Sat., March 28 / Sat., April 11
Wed., April 15 / Sat., April 25
Sat., May 9 / Wed., May 13
Sat., May 16 / Sat., June 6
Wed., June 10 / Sat., June 20

SUMMER/FALL

Sat., July 11 / Wed., July 15
Sat., July 25 / Sat., August 8
Wed., August 12 / Sat., August 22
Sat., September 12 / Wed., September 16
Sat., September 26 / Sat., October 3
Wed., October 7 / Sat., October 17

All collections will be held at the Keene Solid Waste Facility off Route 12 North from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Take Route 12 North out of Keene for approximately five miles. The facility entrance is at the top of the hill on the left side of the road (there is a sign out front).

Our continued thanks go out to the Transfer Station patrons and Transfer Station employees for helping to keep our facility clean.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Cuddemi
Donald Parker
Gary Russell

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

The 2008 Election season started early with the Presidential Primary. The Secretary of State moved the date to January to preserve New Hampshire's "first in the nation" status. This left election officials up in the air for a while, without a schedule. When the schedule was finally released, there was not much time to get ready. Much of our pre-election work took place throughout the 2007 holiday season.

The additional demands of the State-mandated checklist made this election season our busiest yet. Yet, we are pleased to report that the Primary, though busy, went quite smoothly. There were no long lines, either for voting or for registration, and we are pleased to report that 93 new voters registered on Election Day! 597 voted January 8th, giving Bennington a voter turnout of 58% (In fact, the percentage is actually a bit higher, around 60%, if you take into account voters who moved out of town and registered Same Day in other towns). Nearly equal numbers of voters chose Republican or Democratic ballots.

The next two elections, Town Election and the State Primary, were relatively uneventful. However, the November 4th General Election was another record-breaker! Altogether, there were 792 ballots cast, with 98 new voters registered, 11 Democrat, 15 Republican, and 72 Undeclared for a total 72% turnout.

As of this writing, Bennington has 1102 registered voters: 270 Democrats, 343 Republicans, and 489 Undeclared voters. With only one Town / School District Election in the year coming, we expect this number to remain steady until the 2010 Election cycle begins.

This year's Town Elections will be Tuesday, March 10th. The Polls will be open 8am – 7pm.

We still count votes by hand in Bennington, and we welcome volunteers to help. Vote counting is an interesting and rewarding way to get involved with your community. Every vote will be counted, and every vote counts! Paper ballots are still the best guarantee of free open elections, as they ensure a voter-verified paper trail. All are welcome to lend a hand on Election Day evening. Volunteer with the Town Moderator or Town Clerk if you would like to help either during the day or in the evening.

Unfortunately, the price of the checklist has increased to \$25 per copy, regardless of format. This change was made by the State Legislature. The Supervisors had hoped to keep the price of the checklist reasonable and to encourage through our pricing structure, the use of electronic data. Now because of this mandate, our hands are tied. We do not believe that \$25 for a data base of about 1100 names accurately reflects the actual cost of the information. It means that in smaller towns it will be more costly for citizens to run for office. We hope that the Legislature will revisit this question soon.

We are happy to report that our Elections webpages are fully operational now. In them you can find information about registering to vote, the Election schedule, previous years' election reports, links to State and Federal Elections' sites, and more. Please visit them at: <http://benningtonelections.homestead.com>

Drusilla Cox
Barbara Moorehead
Victoria Turner

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Conveyance of the Brown & Knight VFW Post 8268 to the Town of Bennington August 26, 2008

In response to a vote on Article 18 on the 2008 Town Warrant the voters opted to accept the gift of real estate, identified as Map 9, Lot 12, from the Brown & Knight VFW Post 8268. The deed conveyed 100% ownership of land and buildings located at 9 Hancock Road to the Town of Bennington.

Pictured in the forefront are Selectman Chair Philip Germain, VFW Post Commander Peter Martel, and Selectman Joseph Cuddemi. Joining the celebration are members of the VFW.

The Town of Bennington salutes our veterans for their steadfast devotion to duty, honor, and country and commits to preserving their Post Home to carry on their rich traditions.



VFW POST 8268 COMMANDER PETER MARTEL'S PRESENTATION AUGUST 26, 2008 DEED SIGNING CEREMONY

The Post was chartered on August 26, 1946. It took 25 veterans to form a VFW Post and thanks to the efforts of Milan Parker (who by the way was the first Post Commander) he was able to do it. In those days, one year after WWII ended, there were a lot of people available.

I joined in 1952 after being discharged from the Navy two years in to the Korean War. If my memory serves me right I believe there were three of us in town who served in or in the waters of Korea. The Post in those days was very active up until the late 1990s. We used to meet in the old Fireman's Hall which is now the Town Offices and Police Department.

In the late 1960s, we started thinking about getting our own Post home. The first place we considered was the Old Sons of Union Veterans Home, which stood where the fire station is today. By the time the few Sons of Veterans decided that they would sell, we had approached B&M Railroad about this building. Luckily, we had a member who was friendly with the B&M rep at the Mill. There was a rumor at the Mill that this end of the railroad was going to stop as the Mill found trucking was cheaper than rail. Our member approached the B&M rep and inquired if they did, would it be possible for us to buy the depot. When the rumor became true the B&M rep told us to submit a bid of \$1001. We did and shortly thereafter they sold the property to us.

On November 23, 1966 they signed the deed over to us. At that time it was a working depot. The room you are now sitting in was the freight area. The floor was about 2-3' higher than it is now, so it came to the level of a freight car.

Needless to say, after many hours of work we brought it to what it is today. The kitchen was the depot ticket office and the back room was the passenger waiting room.

I remember going down there with my wagon picking up 50 pound bags of birdseed for my grandmother.

During our prime years when we had a lot of members that were very active, we did many programs for our local children, such as Halloween and Christmas parties, Lite a Bike program, and Voice of Democracy for the High School. We also gave out literature to the Pierce School students to promote Americanism and how to respect your flag.

At the end of the Vietnam War we had a Program at the Mill flag pole area welcoming the Vets back home. In attendance was a survivor of the Bataan Death March, a six-year POW in Vietnam (Russ Tremblay), four Gold Star Mothers, VFW Officers from the National and Department of NH and a very large crowd from the area.

We had breakfasts every Sunday for the best part of 25 years along with our Annual Turkey Raffle that has been ongoing as long as I have belonged to the Post (56 years) and I'm sure a couple of more years before that. The Post has also honored our dead every Memorial Day since its beginning.

Today, as you all know, things have changed. Most of the young people who want to belong join the larger Post with canteens. Consequently, our membership is half of what it used to be. Most of us are older than we like to admit and we are getting tired. Without the help of younger members it is very hard to fundraise today and with the ever increasing cost of insurance and fuel, it's impossible to keep up. We feel good about this Post though, as we have seen Posts in Peterborough and Hillsborough start and close two to three times over the years. They had a much greater populace of vets than us. Currently we have four WWII members left: George Cole, Herbert Flanders, Mason Harris of Peterborough and John Evans of Hancock.

We are very thankful for the Town of Bennington for taking over the building. Without the Town we would not be able to keep going. Hopefully now, with what little money we can raise, we will be able to do to the things that we are supposed to do and not just exist.

BENNINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The year 2008 will be written up and recorded in history as a year of change. After a very long campaign, Barack O'Bama, a Senator from Illinois, is the President-Elect with Joseph Biden as his Vice President. The Democratic primary finished with Hilary Clinton running against O'Bama – a very competent woman versus the first black Presidential candidate. The victory went to O'Bama. The Republicans selected John McCain along with Sarah Palin, Governor of Alaska as his running mate. In the largest turn out in our voting history, Barack O'Bama, running his campaign on “a Broken Washington” and the need for change, emerged as the winner.

We leave 2008 with our economy in a shambles – high prices for gasoline and heating oil, stock market plunge, job layoffs, home foreclosures, etc. This was brought home to Bennington with the Monadnock Paper Mill layoff – “Historic Paper Mill Eliminates 14 Jobs” (The Monadnock Ledger – Transcript). Let us hope for improvement in 2009.

We all remember the back-to-back storms of snow, snow, snow early in the winter of 2008 – between 110 and 135 inches of snow were reported. It was a great year for Crotched Mountain Ski Area. In December, a sleet and freezing-rain storm with high winds came our way. Many towns were without electricity for days. This storm was considered the worst in New Hampshire history.

Residents were taken to a shelter at the Antrim Town Hall – the Police checked on thirty-eight homes and visited another fourteen. The Fire Department received seven emergency calls including a chimney fire. Potable water was available at the Town Hall and showers were available at Pierce School and the Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center. Many individuals offered free tree cutting for the elderly, spare rooms or houses, food, and generators.

The Society worked closely with Bennington Town Officials and the State/National Historical Societies to honor Bennington's important past history by creating the Bennington Village Historic District. This may prove of benefit to the Town – we may be eligible for grants to preserve historic properties. Arnold Cernota and his committee worked on this project. Congratulations Bennington!!!

2008 Notables Include:

- A Christmas Party was held for the Pierce School 2nd grade students. Each child received a gift and the children decorated the Christmas tree.
- A dedication of a park bench was held at Pearl Walker Hall. The bench honors Verna Lowe Paige for her long service to the Society – Verna served as the greeter and docent at our museum for over twenty years. Sandy Paige Cleary and Brenda Paige Gibbons, Verna's two daughters, along with David Glynn representing the Society, hosted the dedication ceremony. Pastor Bob Ritchie led the prayers.
- We received a gift of \$10,000 from the Estate of Raymond Holland, a life-long resident of Bennington. The money will go towards continuing research for our Bennington History. In Raymond's honor, we will have our museum front door lights on each day.
- This Society has been busy inventorying and photographing our displayed items. Our thanks to Catherine Conrey for her help in organizing our displays and bringing things up-to-date.
- Many small projects such as painting, more lighting, timers, pruning shrubs, etc. were funded (including heating, electricity, telephone and insurance) by the Pearl S. Walker Trust Fund.

- David Glynn set up a display of Civil War items including Confederate Money, a diary, Daguerreotype photographs, belt and buckle, etc. This display will still be available for viewing in 2009.

At our annual meeting we elected the following Officers: Arnold Cernota – President, David A. Glynn – Vice President, Ellen Hill – Secretary, and Jean Cernota – Treasurer.

The Bennington Historical Society hosted the following programs in 2008:

- A lecture by Jim Henderson of Plants Alive on what you need to do in the fall to keep your shrubs and plants at their best: pruning, fertilizing, etc
- A lecture on antique clock restoration and repair by Stephen Sanborn of Lake Sunapee.
- A talk about invasive weed prevention by Jeanne Baker and Carol Carnes – NH Lakes Association – Exotic Aquatic Plants. These noxious weeds pollute our lakes, ponds and rivers and once established are very difficult to eradicate.

Thank you for your support in the past and we hope for the future.

Respectfully submitted

David A. Glynn, Vice President

HUMAN SERVICES

In the months after taking over the Welfare Director's position, assistance fell in the area of utilities, fuel, rental, mortgage, and food. With the economic troubles nationwide, there was an increase of applicants as the year came to a close. It is important that the Welfare Department educates the clients of other avenues to find assistance and use the local assistance as the last place to seek help.

With the economy as fragile as it has become in the early part of 2009, I expect to see an increase in applicants, especially concerning utilities and heating fuel. I will continue to assist these clients to all agencies available to them, both federally and within the state.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Slongwhite
Welfare Director

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2008

<u>Date of Ceremony</u>	<u>Name of Bride & Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>
01/26/2008	Meredith L. Germain Adam W. Lyons	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
02/29/2008	Suzanne J. Ross James W. Griswold	Amherst, NH Bennington, NH
04/02/2008	Wendy W. Parker David H. Burrows	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
05/09/2008	Sara Pelletier Joshua A. Dunn	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/07/2008	Angela M. Davis Timothy M. Robinson	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/26/2008	Diana I. Ramirez Craig A. Beam	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/26/2008	Christine E. Gullage Zackery M. McGraw	Bennington, NH Wentworth, NH
06/28/2008	Melinda J. Martel Barry Whittemore	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
08/02/2008	Karen M. Belcher Benjamin D. Bartlett	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/27/2008	Sheena-Lee Strout Thomas J. Belcher	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
10/24/2008	Melinda A. George Jon P. Gullage	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
10/24/2008	Stephanie A. Morrison Andrew D. Fowle	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
11/08/2008	Teresa A. Lyons Richard W. Crowe	Bennington, NH Peterborough, NH
12/27/2008	Susan Greig Craig L. Messa	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH

I certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

Civil Unions Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2008

<u>Date of Ceremony</u>	<u>Name of Person A and Person B</u>	<u>Residence</u>
03/08/2008	David R. Baldwin James E. Perry	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH

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Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2008

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Father and Mother</u>
01/18/2008	Isaac Mitchell Clough	Peterborough, NH	Donald and Christina Clough
01/24/2008	Harley Beth Wilson	Peterborough, NH	Allan and Annmarie Wilson
02/06/2008	Alida Mae Brissette	Peterborough, NH	Angela Elliott
02/17/2008	Kaelyn Rae Samuelson	Peterborough, NH	Peter and Stephanie Samuelson
02/21/2008	Travis Cooper Sanborn	Peterborough, NH	Travis Sanborn and Tess Aveni
04/28/2008	Alexander James Bellen	Peterborough, NH	Jeffrey and Lannie Mae Bellen
05/29/2008	Olivia Mae Michaels	Peterborough, NH	Jason and Candi Michaels
06/12/2008	Ava Nicole Rollins	Keene, NH	Shawn and Kelly Rollins
06/28/2008	Owen James Chauncey	Peterborough, NH	Forrest Chauncey and Bethany Smith
08/14/2008	Ema Belle Richardson	Peterborough, NH	Jeffrey and Katie Richardson
08/21/2008	Adeline Mckenna Regis	Lebanon, NH	Aaron and Jeannette Regis
09/08/2008	Ava Marguerite Cronin	Peterborough, NH	John and Rachael Cronin
11/12/2008	Laila Maria Pizzuti	Nashua, NH	Adam and Nicole Pizzuti
12/11/2008	Bella Sage Blanchard	Concord, NH	Matthew and Arianah Blanchard

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Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2008

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
02/19/2008	Warren Dobbins	Bennington, NH	Everett Dobbins	Alva Taylor
04/14/2008	Frank Strout	Bennington, NH	Thomas Strout	Viola Brown
06/13/2008	James Irvine	Peterborough, NH	Norman Irvine	Maureen McMahon
07/14/2008	Inez Wilson	Jaffrey, NH	John Dodge	Dorothy Taylor
08/06/2008	Reginald Lyons	Concord, NH	Richard Lyons	Ardelle Wolfe
08/14/2008	William Stern	Manchester, NH	Bernard Stern	Veronica Corcoran
09/19/2008	Richard Wollen	Hancock, NH	John Wollen	Irene LeClerc
10/18/2008	Helen Ferrante	Bennington, NH	Camillo Ferrante	Antonette Breggia
10/20/2008	Lucien Lizotte	Bennington, NH	Ned Lizotte	Germaine Bosse

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Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

Bennington, NH



Community Contact

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Town of Bennington

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Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk:
Monday and Saturday, 9 am - 12 noon, Tuesday, 8:30 am -
12:30 pm, and Thursday, 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

County

Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Hillsborough

Peterborough NH LMA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2

District 2

District 7

Hillsborough County District 2

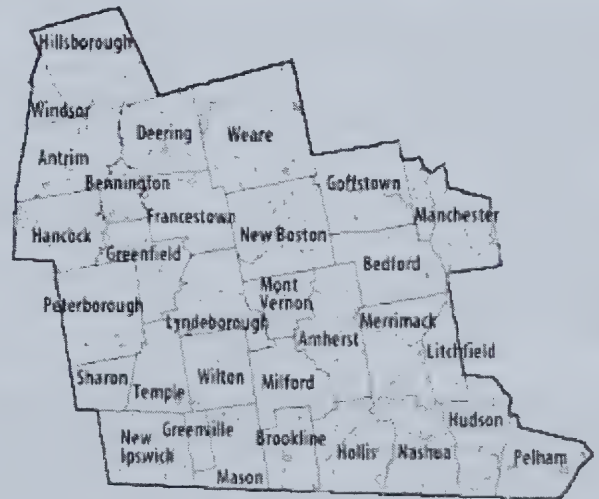
Incorporated: 1842

Origin: Formed from portions of Hancock, Greenfield, Deering, and Franconia, in 1842 this community was named in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington (Vermont), one of the most decisive battles of the Revolution, fought August 14-16, 1777. Bennington was originally a part of Hancock called Factory Village, as there was substantial industry powered by the Great Falls on the Contoocook River. According to the Town of Bennington history, the first papermaking machinery was installed in 1835 near the current Monadnock Paper Mills location.

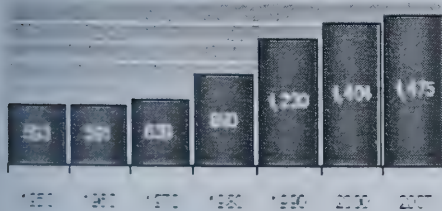
Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 541 residents in 1850

Population Trends: Population change for Bennington totaled 811 over 50 years, from 1,364 in 1950 to 2,175 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 38 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 38 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2007 Census estimate for Bennington was 1,475 residents, ranking 161st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Hillsborough County



Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 132.3 persons per square mile of land area. Bennington contains 11.4 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2006	\$1,362,857
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1986/07
Master Plan	2005
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Water & Sewer
Appointed:	Conservation; Zoning

Public Library G E P Dodge

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/9
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	9 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Bennington Water Department

Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	none
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory

Telephone Company	TDS Telecom
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Yes
	Residential Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.24
2007 Equalization Ratio	86.5
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	18.19

2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	86.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	10.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.9%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	704
2007 Single-Family Units	486
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	4
2007 Multi-Family Units	174
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	44

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	1,475	402,302
2000	1,404	382,384
1990	1,230	336,549
1980	890	276,608
1970	639	223,941

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	692	Female 709

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	84
Age 5 to 19	356
Age 20 to 34	258
Age 35 to 54	486
Age 55 to 64	104
Age 65 and over	113
Median Age	35.1 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	87.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	24.8%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999 (US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$19,675
Median 4-person family income	\$52,153
Median household income	\$46,150

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$34,063
Female	\$26,734

Families below the poverty level	8.4%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	728	793
Employed	710	770
Unemployed	18	23
Unemployment rate	2.5%	2.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	294	380
Average Weekly Wage	\$855.33	\$849.17
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	23	23
Average Weekly Wage	\$325.20	\$528.19
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	317	403
Average Weekly Wage	\$817.69	\$830.92

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)			District: SAU 1
Career Technology Center(s):	Region 14 Applied Technology Center, Peterborough			Region: 14
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-4			
Total Enrollment	91			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: 1 Total Capacity: 12

Nearest Community College: NHTI-Concord; Manchester

Nearest Colleges or Universities: New England

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Crotched Mt. Ski and Ride Area	Ski - seasonal	250+/-	2003
Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.	Printing specialty papers	235	1819
Pierce Elementary School	Education		
Bennington Country Store	Convenience store		
Harris's 202 Convenience Store	Convenience store		
Alberto's Restaurant	Restaurant		
Town of Bennington	Municipal services		
Common Place Eatery	Restaurant		

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	202
	State Routes	31, 47
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-89, Exit 5	
	Distance	23 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Hawthorne-Feather, Antrim	Runway	3,260 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	32 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		8
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		29 miles
Portland, Maine		128 miles
Boston, Mass.		76 miles
New York City, NY		247 miles
Montreal, Quebec		259 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(US Census Bureau)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.0%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	2.8%
Other means	1.3%
Worked at home	1.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	13%
Commuting to another NH community	85%
Commuting out-of-state	2%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Crotched Mountain
	Other:

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TOWN OF BENNINGTON

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

588-2189

Town Hall	Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tax Collector	Available during Town Hall office hours
Town Clerk	Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to noon
Welfare Director	Tuesday 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

MEETING SCHEDULES

Selectmen	Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
Planning Board	Second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. – Work Session
Library Trustees	First Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Library
Water/Sewer Com.	First Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
Recreation Com.	Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Conservation Com.	Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW
Cemetery Trustees	Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Trustees of Trust Funds	Second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Library
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS

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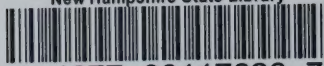
Monday	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (staffed by volunteers)

RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION HOURS

588-3407

Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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